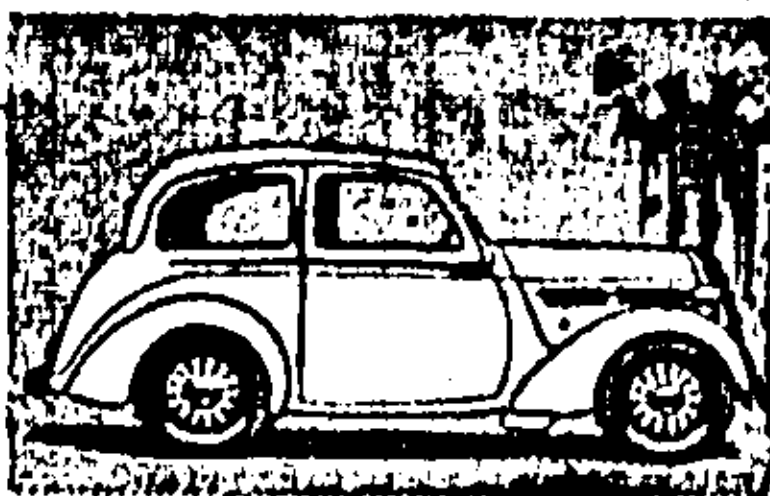


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Jew Refugees Flock From Totalitarians

LONDON, Dec. 14.
ANNOUNCING IN the House of Commons that he was unable to agree with an immediate additional immigration to Palestine of 10,000 young Jews, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald stated that strong representations had been made from Arab quarters that immigration would be completely stopped pending the outcome of the Palestine conference.

The Government felt that to make any alteration in the existing rate of immigration now would prejudice one of the main subjects for discussion in London.

Continuing, Mr. MacDonald said he understood it was desirable for Jewish children to leave Germany. In the meantime they could be received by Britain if the refugee organizations guaranteed their maintenance.

Mr. MacDonald declared that a considerable number of young German refugees were at present being admitted to Palestine under the existing arrangements.

He added that all arrangements for the Palestine conference were made, but he was unable to state what date the conference would begin until he knew when the Palestinian delegation was appointed, and when it would arrive.

Asked later if he would reconsider the desirability of inviting the Mufti in view of the fact that the Mufti was regarded by the majority of Muslims in Palestine as their leader and prophet, Mr. MacDonald replied "No."—*Reuter*.

GERMAN PROPAGANDA IN PALESTINE

London, Dec. 14.
Mr. R. A. Butler declared in the House of Commons to-day that he was not in a position to disclose information received by the Government.

WAR ON PROFITEERING Nazis Go after the Shop-Keepers

VIENNA, Dec. 14.
DRACONIC MEASURES to prevent unjustified increase of prices have been taken by the National-Socialist regional leaders in Vienna and Globocnik, according to an announcement made to-day, which states that regional leaders, accompanied by various officials, paid within the last few days surprise visits to several shops and department stores in order to investigate numerous complaints made on the subject.

As a result of this investigation, it is during the past three months, 20 shops have been compulsorily closed for illegally raising their prices.

The total number of convictions for the same offence in the same period amounted to about 3,000 and fines totalling 45,000 reichsmarks were imposed, in addition to the big fines mentioned above.—*Trans-Ocean*.

HOLOCAUST in a provincial capital. This dramatic photograph was taken in Kweilin, capital of Kwangsi province, during an air raid on December 6. Enormous damage was done in a series of Japanese raids during the first week of December, the toll running into many hundreds of non-combatant lives and millions of dollars worth of damage.

Remove River Blockages Novel Suggestion In Commons

LONDON, Dec. 14.
ASKED IN the House of Commons whether it was proposed to direct H.M. ships to remove the boom across the international highway, Mr. R. A. Butler stated that the Japanese Government claimed that the Tianjin boom was opened only sufficiently to provide passage for Japanese warships and military transports.

Difficulties arising from the position were at present under review.—*Reuter*.

9-Power Pact: Commons Questions

LONDON, Dec. 14.
ANSWERING several questions relative to revision of the Nine-Power Treaty, Mr. R. A. Butler reiterated that he was unable to recognise any alteration in the position as defined in the treaties, brought about by unilateral action.

Mr. W. Gallacher (Cons.) asked: "Is the Minister not aware that the treaty is being revised without notice just as the war was started in China without notice?"

Mr. Butler: "I am fully aware of the difficulty of the position in the Far East. It is under our constant review. Perhaps Mr. Gallacher can take assurance from the answer I have given."—*Reuter*.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 14.
A SERIOUS SITUATION has arisen in Hankow as the result of a dispute between the Japanese and French authorities there.

The dispute has culminated in the stoppage by the Japanese of all food supplies from reaching the French Concession.

In addition, the water supply to the Concession has been cut off by the Japanese.

These measures have been taken by the Japanese in retaliation for the refusal of the responsible French authorities in the Concession to hand over to the Japanese certain anti-Japanese elements which have sought asylum there.

The situation is described as serious, especially as the French Concession is crammed full of Chinese refugees.

The French authorities have reported to Paris on the situation and have asked for instructions.—*Trans-Ocean*.

Soldier in Hongkong Rejoins His Mother

LONDON, Dec. 14.
THE CONSIDERATE ACTION of the War Office in ordering the special release of Corporal John Walker of Hongkong, has brought joy to his mother who is on the danger list at St. Leonard's Hospital.

It was the mother's constant calls for her only son that induced Mr. E. Thurtle, Labour member for Shoreham, to intervene with the War Office, who telegraphed instructions that Corporal Walker's leave was to be advanced to enable him to hurry home.

The troopship *Dorchester* had sailed the previous day, but Walker caught the *Gneisenau* and reached Southampton to-night, a day ahead of the *Dorchester*.

His mother has been markedly improved since hearing that her son was returning, and she was better still when informed that John had arrived and would visit her in the morning.—*Reuter*.

Plenary Powers For Czech Government

Prague, Dec. 14.
The Czech-Slovak Parliament, by 148 votes to 10, to-day according to the Government plenary powers for two years, thus giving it a free hand to proceed with plans for social and economic reconstruction.

When the session ends this week, Parliament is unlikely to meet again until certain parties including the Communists, have been completely dissolved.

Herr Kundt, leader of the Germans, is remaining in Czechoslovakia, and has promised support for the Government "so long as the rights of the minority, whose leader is Adolf Hitler, are respected."—*Reuter*.

G. O. C. In Malaya Has Successor

LONDON, Dec. 14.
Major-General L. V. Bond, Commandant of the School of Engineering, has been appointed G.O.C. of Malaya, in succession to Major-General W. G. S. Dobble, C.B., C.M.G., whose term of office expires in August, 1939.—*Reuter*.

Japan's Intentions: Butler Can't Tell

LONDON, Dec. 14.
Mr. R. A. Butler replied in the negative when asked if he had been officially informed of future Japanese intentions as to foreign capital investment in China in all enterprises considered essential to defence, and economically necessary to Japan.—*Reuter*.

E. & A. SHIP DEPARTS ON SCHEDULE

AUSTRALIAN WATERSIDE workers in Sydney did not make good their threat to tie up the E. & A. liner *Nellore*.

A cablegram was received by the Hongkong agents yesterday, stating that the *Nellore* had departed for Hongkong on schedule.

Wateriders announced earlier this week that unofficial sanctions would be applied against any ship carrying iron ore, scrap metal or other cargoes suspected of being destined for Japan, which could be used by that country as war materials in the conflict with China.

According to a message from Sydney, the watersiders refused to load a cargo of iron ore into the *Nellore* at Piermont.

Similar action was threatened regarding portion of the cargo awaiting despatch to Hongkong by the steamer *Taiyang*.

The Hongkong office of the Eastern and Australian Line, agents for the *Nellore*, informed the "Telegraph" this morning that the ship had departed from Sydney on schedule.

No news had been received in Hongkong of any delay to the vessel's loading.

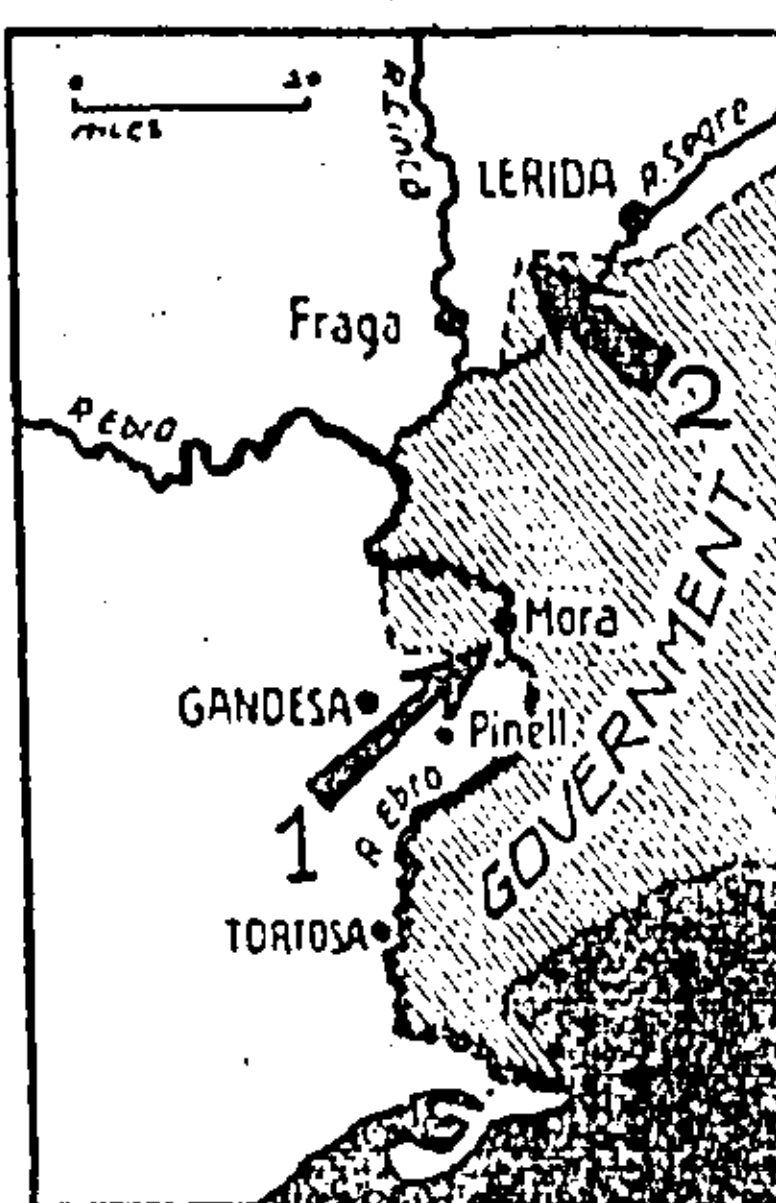
Corrigan Allowed Bail Of £1,000

LONDON, Dec. 14.
Dennis Michael Corrigan, who with Frederick Willing and his son, James Herbert Willing, is charged with conspiring to defraud Theodore LaMotte of £7,250, and with attempting to obtain a further £4,000 from LaMotte by false pretences, has been granted bail of £1,000 surety, with the promise that he will report to the police every day.—*Reuter*.

Corrigan, who with the other two men, was last week committed for trial, was previously refused bail of any nature, despite the fact that a number of urgent pleas were made on his behalf. Police, during the preliminary hearings, contended that Corrigan could easily make his way out of the country.

SPAIN'S BATTLE FIELDS

1.—Franco's effort to roll up the Ebro salient reaches a climax. He claims that the Loyalists have been cleared from the south.
2.—Loyalists cut the Fraga-Lerida highway in the north and completely halt the insurgent advance on the Segre.



INSURGENT OFFENSIVES FIZZLE OUT

HENDAYE, Dec. 14.
THE LOYALISTS have reported that two Insurgent attacks were repulsed on the central fronts, one in the Maganera region, and the other south-west of Teruel.

The first attack was made yesterday morning, and was met by intensive Loyalist machine-gun barrages from positions on the heights, while the Loyalists were not shaken by the strong artillery fire which preceded the attack.

In the afternoon another attack was attempted. The Loyalists claim to have broken the drive without being forced to leave the front-line trenches. According to a Valencia report, the Insurgent infantry was forced to retreat in complete disorder, losing several score of men.

After the unsuccessful attacks, calm was restored.

MINES EXPLODE

The Loyalists are reported to have exploded two counter mines in one of the cities, destroying the Insurgent gallery in the course of construction. Similarly in the Villa Verde sector, the Loyalists exposed an important mine system which was being built by the Insurgents, and succeeded in blasting it away, causing heavy losses to the Insurgent troops working in it.

Calm is reported from the other fronts, activity on the Segre River being limited to rifle duels at relief hours.

Another report from Saragossa states that all has been calm on the front for the last 24 hours. On the Castellon front troops have devoted their time to improvement of front-line fortifications, where the work is hindered by constant rain.

The Insurgents have reported that several Loyalist militiamen profited from the poor visibility to desert to the Insurgents in the Nules region. It is also reported that an Insurrection occurred at the Cartagena military port last week as the result of the punishment of a Spanish sailor by a foreign naval officer, attached to a Loyalist cruiser.

The officer was attacked by sailors, thrown into the sea, and drowned.—*United Press*.

LATEST

SPECIAL JURY FOR LIBEL ACTION

A claim for unstipulated damages for alleged libel was brought against the Hongkong Jockey Club in the Supreme Court this morning by Mr. T. H. Brayfield, marine surveyor and well-known racehorse owner.

A special jury was empanelled when the case opened this morning. It comprised Messrs R. M. McLay, C. Champlin, T. B. Wilson, T. Fleming, Lo Yuk-tong, E. H. Geare, L. Dunbar.

Mr. S. T. Butlin was allowed to stand down when his name was called without result.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Messrs. Johnston, Stokes and Masler, appeared for the Hongkong Jockey Club.

Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Messrs. Wilkingson and Grist, is representing Mr. Brayfield.

Panama Canal Spy Found Guilty

Cristobal, Panama, Dec. 14.
Hans Heinrich Schackow, one of the four Germans, including a girl, arrested near Fort Randolph near the entrance to the Panama Canal in October, were to-day found guilty of espionage, following a charge of photographing the fortifications.

Sentence was not pronounced, pending a new trial, when the other three defendants will be tried, in January.—*Reuter*.

Lithuania Willing To Co-operate

Kaunas, Dec. 14.
It is understood in authoritative circles that the Lithuanian Government would be prepared to accept the German interpretation of the Memel Statute in order to stabilise the situation.

It will never agree, however, to the detachment of Memel from Lithuania.—*Reuter*.

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Further Late News

MOTHER KILLED AFTER TWINS' 21st PARTY

HER CYCLE HIT A STONE

For weeks Mrs. Agnes Grimes, of Narborough, Norfolk, busied herself with preparations for the 21st birthday party of her twin sons.

Although the party was being held at West Newton, 12 miles from her home, she cycled there and back several times to supervise the entering.

The great day arrived and when it came to leave at the end of dinner there were tears of pride in Mrs. Grimes' eyes, as she proposed the health of her sons.

"It is the greatest day of my life," she said.

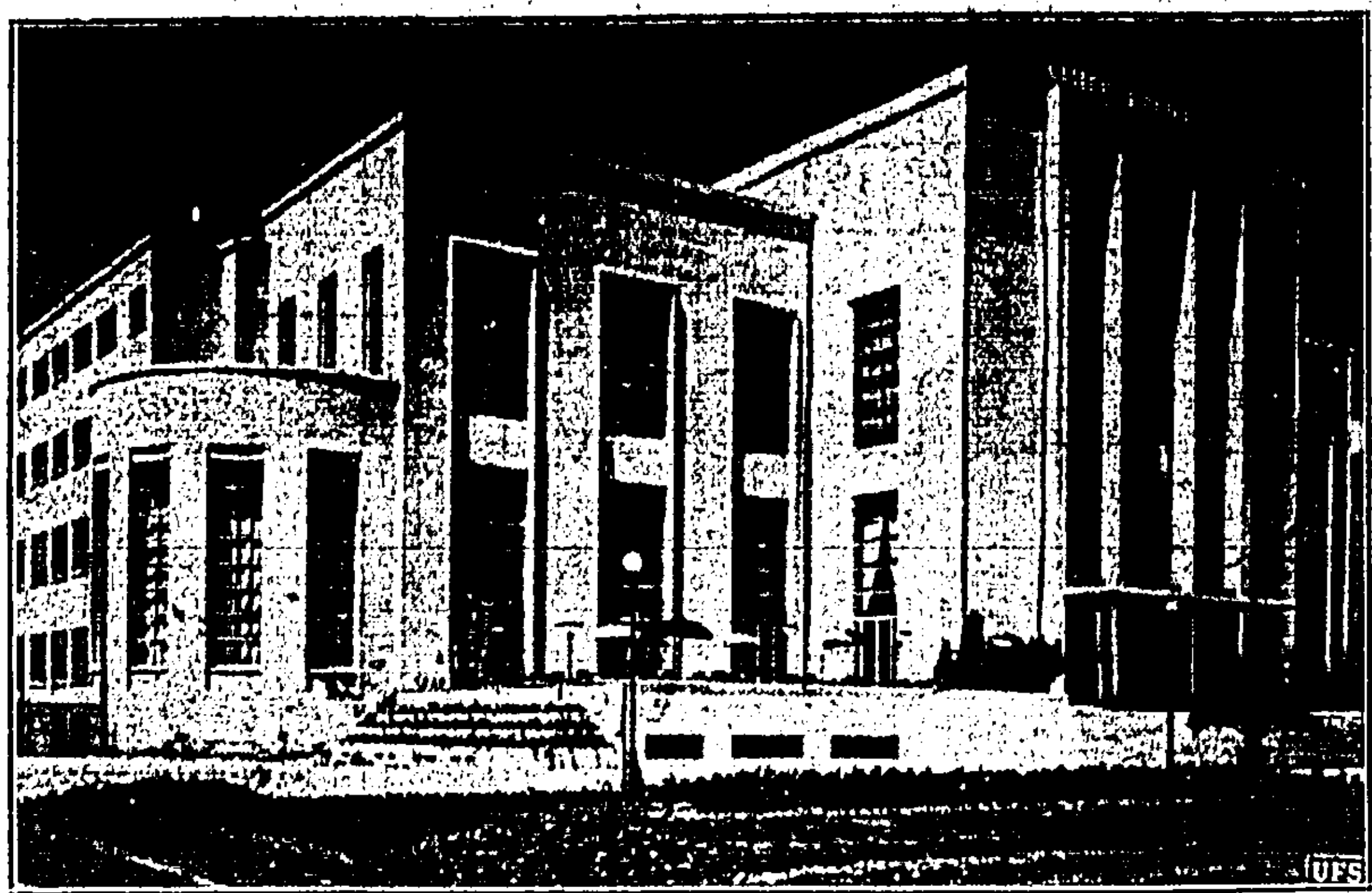
MIDNIGHT

At midnight the party broke up and Mrs. Grimes and her husband set out to cycle back to Narborough.

Half-way home her cycle hit a large stone in the road. Mrs. Grimes fell on her head.

As she lay dying on the grass verge by the side of the road, waiting for an ambulance, two cars went by.

In them were guests returning from the party that had been the "greatest day of her life."



New \$1,000,000 municipal gambling casino soon to be opened to the public at the Lido, Venice, Italy. It overlooks the Adriatic and houses nearly every known game of chance. Italians expect it to outlive the famed casino at Monte Carlo.

Car With Beds

PARIS.

Greater comfort and cars priced to meet the needs of all classes are the main feature of the annual Paris Automobile Salon, which opened in the Grand Palais in the Champs Elysees.

There are no changes of design, no striking novelties, but the display as a whole maintains the high standard of construction and general efficiency for which French manufacturers are renowned.

An unusual exhibit is a convertible sleeping-car—a light four-seater.

Nutria Hunt in Sussex

London.

The discovery of the nutria, or coypu, a dangerous pest not unlike the muskrat, is worrying farmers in East Sussex. One of the animals recently attacked and nearly killed a dog. It was shot and sent to the Ministry of Agriculture. The Ministry reports, received at the week-end, probably bring about a united effort between farmers and landowners to exterminate this rodent in the district and to examine the bank of rivers and streams for their nests. The specimen sent to the Ministry of Agriculture was nearly a yard long, had webbed feet and weighed 16lb.

POSTMASTER PUTS THREE BANDITS TO FLIGHT

Three armed bandits who attempted to hold up a sub-postmaster in his office at London Road, Mitcham, recently, were put to flight by the postmaster.

Then men, using a car which had no number plates, drew up at the office shortly before closing time. A revolver was presented at the postmaster, Mr. R. A. Burchett, and money demanded.

Mr. Burchett refused and a blank cartridge was fired. The men then ran from the shop and drove off in the car—empty-handed.

The car, which had been taken from outside a house in the neighbourhood, was found abandoned a quarter of a mile away.

"OH, YES"

Mr. Burchett said that he was alone in his shop when the three men walked in.

"One of them pointed a revolver at me and said 'Stick 'em up. This is a hold-up.' I said 'Oh, yes,' and made a dive for the phone."

"The man fired, but it was a blank cartridge. Without taking anything else, the three men bolted and I dashed after them. They jumped into a car which was standing with engine running in the drive leading from the road to the post office. As the car moved off I flung a weight at it and struck the back panel."

Girl of 12 Publishes Book

This is the age of youth, but it will stagger some of the old men of 21 when they hear that "Susan and Sambo," a book of stories published recently was written by a girl of 12.

She is Katharine Harrison-Wallace, and the story which gives the book its title is about a pony called Sambo, "who loved a mare called Susan. She was very beautiful, and always kept her mane in the latest fashion."

THE DUKE'S PRAISE

The Duke of Athol has written a foreword to the book, in which he says:—

"The following pages were written and illustrated by my 12-year-old god-daughter, Katharine Harrison-Wallace, without any extraneous aid. 'Her godfather hopes that, as her age increases, she may be able to live up to the high standard of morals she has so ably championed in these pages."

THE FIREMEN'S BEER

London.

Beer is to be banished from the London Fire Brigade canteens at the end of January. After that date only soft drinks will be allowed. At present 15 stations out of 61 have canteens which supply alcohol, but some time ago the Fire Brigade committee decided to limit all the canteens except the one at headquarters to the sale of non-alcoholic refreshments. Now the Committee has ordered the sale of alcoholic liquors in canteens to be stopped not later than January 31.

Thief Loses in 52 Minutes

Binghamton, N. Y.

Fifty-two minutes after reported stolen, police recovered Leo Lake's automobile and arrested the driver. The suspect pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 12 weeks in Onondaga county penitentiary.

EMPIRE NEWS

30 NEW BOMBERS FOR NEW ZEALAND

Auckland.

The Air Department is organising a large-scale expansion of the Air Force to coincide with the delivery of 30 long-range Vickers Wellingtons and other aircraft in 1939.

An additional 200 men are to be enrolled to staff the four main air bases. Reserves of personnel are also to be strengthened.

As announced last month, the new aircraft will be flown out to New Zealand by 30 men, who are to be trained in England.

AUSTRALIA

PHYSICAL FITNESS SCHEMES

Sydney.

State and Federal health authorities will meet in Canberra shortly to discuss schemes for the physical education of the nation. Unofficial surveys have shown that standards of physical fitness throughout Australia are surprisingly low.

Prof. Harvey Sutton, Director of the School of Public Health at Sydney University, estimates that half the man-power of military age in the Commonwealth is unfit for active service.

Victoria is the only State to have mass physical training. A similar scheme for New South Wales will come into operation in December.

Growth of Leprosy.—National action to combat leprosy is urged by the Queensland Minister for Health and Home Affairs, Mr. E. M. Hanlon, who states that its growth is challenging the existence of the white race in Northern Australia. Mr. Hanlon's statement follows a report by the Director-General of Health and Medical Services, Sir Raphael Cilento, that leprosy in Queensland is increasing among both coloured and white races.

SOUTH AFRICA

ITALIAN TEXTILE COMPETITION

Johannesburg.

Workers organised in the South African Textile Workers' Industrial Union are demanding increased production for the industry, partly owing to strong Italian competition.

The union declares that 500 textile workers are unemployed and hundreds more are on short time, while heavy imports of Italian rugs are being permitted. These rugs are imported at the same cost as the yarn from which similar rugs are manufactured in South Africa.

Unemployment and short time are serious on the Rand, and even worse in Natal, adds the union.

CANADA

FIRST ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTERY

Montreal.

The active militia of Canada have now their first anti-aircraft battery. The battery will have a personnel of six officers and 90 other ranks, drawn from the Second Montreal Regt. At present the battery is at half-strength. It will be fully manned within the next 12 months.

All the personnel must first pass through the field and medium brigades of the militia before they can join the anti-aircraft arm.

With a survey company of 17 officers and 100 other ranks the battery will be stationed at Montreal. It will be commanded by Col. A. E. D. Tremblay, of the 2nd Montreal Regt.

CEYLON

£75 STAMP TO BE ISSUED

Colombo.

Ceylon is about to issue the stamp with the highest face value in the British Empire. It is for 1,000 rupees, about £75.

The stamp, which bears a recent portrait of the King, will be used mainly for revenue purposes, but would be available for postage if an insured package were consigned for such a large amount.

Bridge a "Gamble."—Mr. C. de Silva, a member of the State Council, is seeking means to prohibit or restrict the playing of bridge here, on the ground that it has ceased to be a game of skill and has become a gamble. He wishes to prohibit bridge parties in hotels and to limit the stakes at all other parties.

Guardsman Gets 42 Days For Absence

Because he stayed away from barracks, without leave—in order, he said, to protect his wife from being pestered by another man—Coldstream Guardsman George Edward Campbell has been sentenced to 42 days' detention by a Chelsea court-martial.

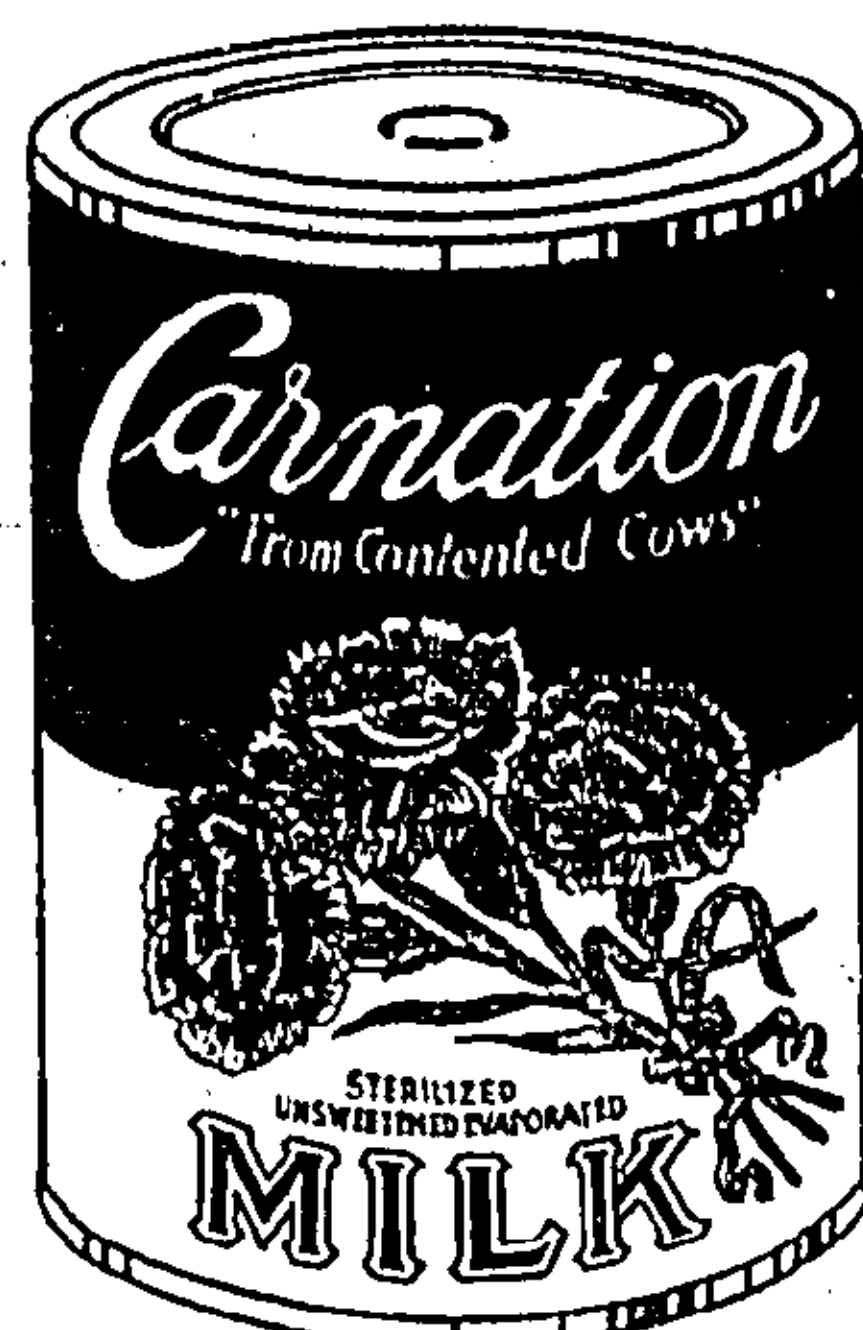
At his trial Campbell said he received a letter from his wife, went home, and found her very upset because a man had broken into her room and threatened her with a razor.

Campbell stayed the night with her. At 1.30 a.m., he said, the man pushed a note through the letter-box saying that unless Mrs. Campbell came away with him he would shoot Campbell.

Campbell added that he wished to call the police, but his wife would not let him. She had seen the man's revolver.

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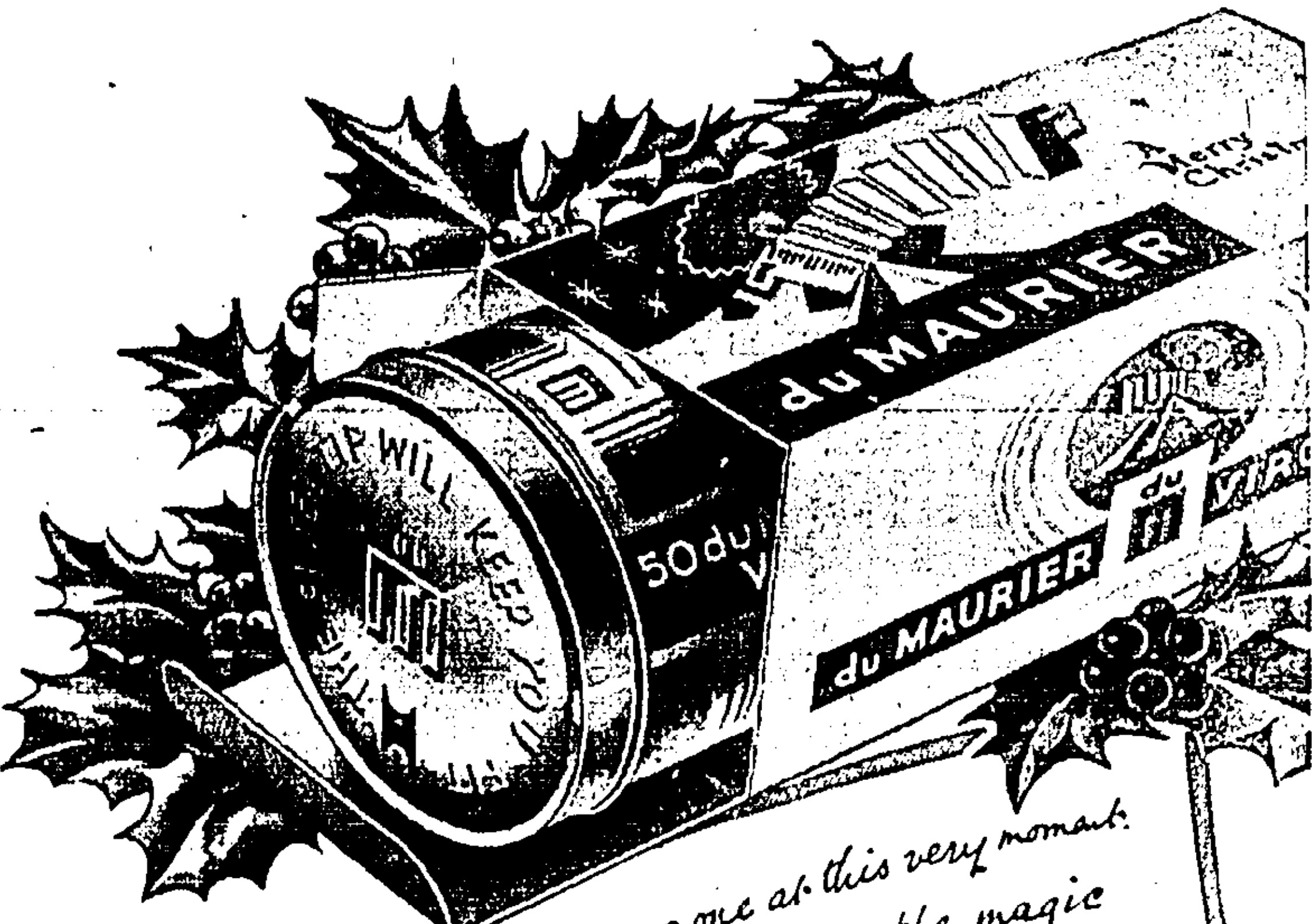
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Undergrads Ruined by Gambling Scandal

Starving to Pay Debts After Crooked Card Games

TOUTS TOUR COLLEGES

Cambridge, — Cambridge University authorities are trying to stamp out a wave of gambling which is sweeping through the colleges, ruining undergraduates, and leading to many scandals.

Officials are watching gambling dens which have been set up in some of the residential districts of the town, where card-sharps are said to lure young men with money to play chemin-de-fer and poker.

Usually these clubs are in basements, away from the neighbourhood of the colleges, luxuriously furnished with Oriental drapings and other easily-movable articles.

These can be quickly transferred to a new house if suspicion arises.

Experienced croupiers have been brought over from Monte Carlo by the organisers. One of the men who runs these parties is known to have had a dozen convictions for running gambling houses in London.

He has touts among the undergraduates in many of the colleges, and through these touts other undergraduates are invited to visit this house—and lose their money.

STUDENTS WARNED

One result of the scandal is that students have been advised not to accept any invitations to card parties unless they are fully satisfied as to the bona fides of their host.

One man went straight to the master of his college when he found himself in trouble and confessed his folly.

The master interviewed the proprietor of the card club and compelled him to admit that the game had been crooked.

Many of the young men at the University are losing so much at these gambling dens that they are left with insufficient money to feed themselves properly, and are so worried that their studies are suffering.

Several have sold their motor-cars to meet gambling debts.

Marriage Secret, And Job, Lost

A young woman who has worked eight years for the London County Council as a domestic assistant is to lose her job in a year's time—because the Hospital Committee did not know she was married.

She was originally engaged as a temporary cleaner at Paddington, and a year later she was appointed a permanent domestic assistant.

It has now been discovered that, instead of being single, as the regulations required, she is married, and therefore ineligible for the post.

Although she did not conceal her marriage, the fact was not made known to the Hospital's Committee when she was appointed.

The Committee recommends that "non-compliance with the Council's standing order be condoned," and that its operation be suspended "to enable the woman's services to be retained for another twelve months."

Apple a Day Pays at 90

WALKERTON, Ont.

Mrs. Caroline Freidburger, who has just celebrated her 90th birthday here, attributed her remarkably good health and long life to "work, an apple a day, and three regular meals."



Japan recently sent a new ambassador to the Court of St. James's, in London. He is Mamoru Shigemitsu, shown at left as, accompanied by Sir Sydney Clive, chief of the British diplomatic corps, he left the Japanese embassy in London to present his credentials to King George. He lost a leg while Minister to China, six years ago, in a bomb outrage.

Spouse "In Chicken Coop"

RICHMOND, Cal. — John F. Voeltz's alleged grounds for divorce were rather unusual. He complained to the court that his wife attended Communist meetings and that she made him sleep in the chicken coop. He also mentioned that she called him "a yellow dog."

Penniless Peers On Poor Law Relief

Members of the peerage and other titled persons are among many people, once high in the social scale, who have been receiving poor relief at Brighton in recent years.

They include sons of former Lord Mayors of London, Army officers, doctors and councillors who had themselves sat on the relief committee.

OBSERVERS AT A HOSPITAL TRAINING OF PSYCHO-ANALYSTS L.C.C. PERMISSION

The London County Council by a majority recently approved a decision to allow lay psychoanalysts to be present at the examination of patients at a mental hospital. Mr. E. G. Culpin, the Chairman, presided.

The Mental Hospitals Committee reported that they had decided to grant permission asked for by the director of research of the Institute of Psycho-Analysis for a small number of lay analysts in training at the institute to observe the reactions of patients when they were being examined at the St. Bernard's Hospital. The medical staff of the hospital had expressed willingness to co-operate in the arrangement. The permission was to be granted for one year, after which the matter would be reviewed.

"OPEN TO QUESTION"

Mr. F. S. Henwood moved that the matter be deferred until the committee of the British Medical Association now investigating the question of non-medical psycho-analysis had reported. He said the proposal to allow persons who had no medical training to be present when patients were being examined was open to question. They were dealing with persons who had been sent to a mental hospital under a magistrate's order. They were there at the mercy of the council and the council had special responsibilities to them. It might also be well to refer the question to their own medical officers as a body.

Mr. J. R. Oldfield said the Institute of Psycho-Analysis was a perfectly proper body in every way. The trainees were merely to be present as observers. The people observed would be so acutely deranged that they would be unconscious of the presence of the trainees. The council, as the public authority in London, had the only concentration of acute cases available. If the council did not assent, it was as good as saying that the trainees should have no experience at all. The medical superintendent of the hospital was favourable and both he and his medical staff pressed the sub-committee to let the laymen come in. The council would be wise to allow the medical superintendent to do what he wished. The patients would not be jeopardized.

KING OF RUMANIA'S GIFT

A gift by the King of Rumania of £200 for distribution among the poor of London was reported by the General Purposes Committee, whose

MAN & CHILDREN FOUND GASSED

WIFE SENT AWAY BEFORE TRAGEDY

SOLD TOOLS TO BUY TOYS

An unemployed carpenter who suffered from nervous trouble as a result of his war experience was found dead recently with two of his children in a gas-filled room at his home in an L.C.C. block of buildings in Dunfield-road, Catford, S.E.

The victims were Bernard Joseph O'Donnell, 43; his son Denis, 10, and his daughter Josephine, 5. The discovery was made when the police were informed by neighbours that they had not seen the man or the two children for some time.

A sister-in-law said that O'Donnell sold some of his tools on Saturday and had bought Denis a toy tank and Josephine a miniature tea-set.

He had been out of work since he injured a rib and he feared he would not obtain further employment until Easter. He also had difficulty in sleeping.

Mrs. Hilda O'Donnell, the dead man's wife, and her youngest child, John, aged two, were visiting her mother's home in Oxberry-street, Fulham, W., when the tragedy occurred.

She said: "My husband insisted that I and the baby should visit my mother over the week-end."

"I received a letter from him saying how much he loved me, but it also suggested that all was not well. I hurried home, but the police had already arrived."

"We had been married for 17 years. He had been through the war, and the experience had affected his nerves."

An inquest will be held.

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After the crash it:
Mounted the pavement, uprooting a tree;
Ran 55 feet along a grass verge;
Cut through a hedge;
Crashed through a railway fence, cutting through wood uprights nine inches thick; and
Fell down a 100ft. embankment to be wrecked against a heavy fence.

When passengers from the bus—which was taking a studio audience from Atherton to Broadcasting House, Manchester—reached the wreckage the driver had vanished.

TORCHLIGHT SEARCH

Police with torches searched fields and woods and also made inquiries at hospitals and from doctors in case the man needed treatment.

Mr. S. Tonge, a grocer, of Station Road, Swinton, who owned the car, said: "I went to the parish hall to bring my wife and children home from a concert. When I came out of the hall after about ten minutes the car had gone."

He Made Good

Young Fernand Maillaud lived in a Paris garret. He was so poor that he made his own furniture, carpets, decorated the grimy walls.

He ate when he could, which was not often. But that did not matter, because he lived for his painting. Every moment he had he painted. And the money he earned went first on painting materials.

After years of struggle he fixed up an exhibition.

A Scottish business man strolled in and was impressed. He went back to the garret and was so enchanted by the home-made furniture that he bought it all and took it back to Edinburgh.

Then he arranged a Maillaud exhibition.

The poor boy's name was made.

Recently Fernand Maillaud is giving an exhibition in the Cooling Galleries, London.

He is famous, rich, and acclaimed now. All London was there.



Troops stationed in and about Jerusalem attempt to keep rioting and terrorism by Arabs at a minimum, but sniping, arson and sabotage continue. Here is a warlike scene in the Bad el Silsleh quarter of the Holy City, near the temple. British soldiers hold a machine gun pointed at the temple area, in readiness to check Arab rebels.

FOX JUMPS DOWN COTTAGE CHIMNEY

A fox which had been disturbed by the Whaddon Chase Hunt ran through the main street of Winslow, Bucks, recently, and—frightened by people's shouts—scrambled on to the roof of a cottage and ran down the chimney.

The Whaddon Chase Hunt were several miles away. They had already killed another fox near Winslow.

But the Master, Lord Rosebery, driving home, heard of what had happened.

He went to the cottage. Mrs. Foster, the occupant, greeted him with "We had a sweep here some time ago. This fox has brought down as much soot as he did."

Lord Rosebery suggested that the sweep's brushes should be borrowed.

With these the fox was forced on to the roof again. It came out black with soot, scuttled down the side of the cottage, and took cover in an outhouse.

There it was caught by Mr. C. Boddington, a former master of the Whaddon Chase Hunt. He put it in a sack, took it to a nearby spinney and set it free.

London Cafe Bars Japanese

London.

Japanese merchants and city men have lost their favourite eating place in London—the Chinese restaurant in Piccadilly Circus.

"No Japanese will be served at this restaurant," says a printed notice affixed to the entrance door.

Cleveland Industries Rise

Cleveland.

Industry here is expanding despite the recession. The city's annual

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HIGHLANDER STOWS AWAY ON SHIP

Week In Prison In Sumatra

After spending a week in prison at Belawan Deli, Sumatra, for stowing away at Singapore in the Dutch vessel Snporeen, a Gordon Highlander was brought back to Singapore recently in the Rotterdam Lloyd liner Indrapoera.

When about ten hours out from Singapore, the Gordon Highlander, who had been reported missing, was discovered when he left his hiding place, a large wooden box behind a funnel.

After the report by the Dutch authorities, Inspector A. Reddick of the Marine Police at Singapore, discovered that the stowaway was the missing Gordon Highlander although he had "given a different name."

When he boarded the ship, the stowaway thought it was proceeding directly to Colombo, a British port.

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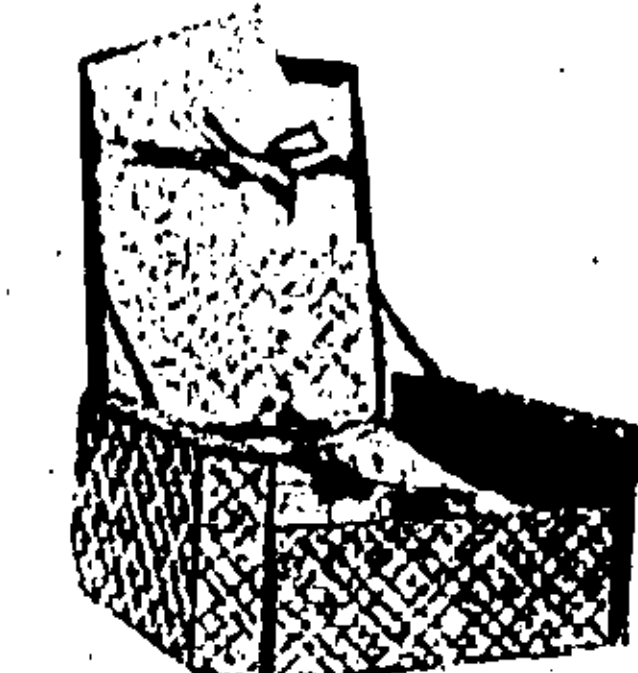
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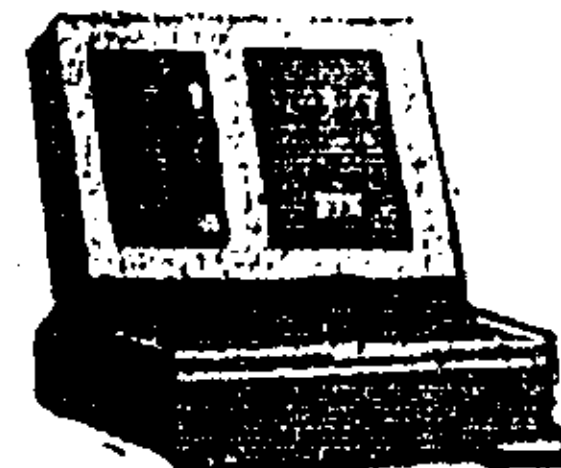


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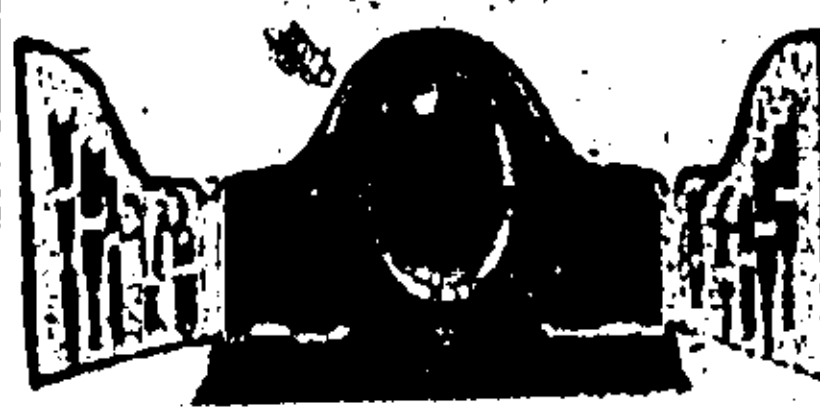
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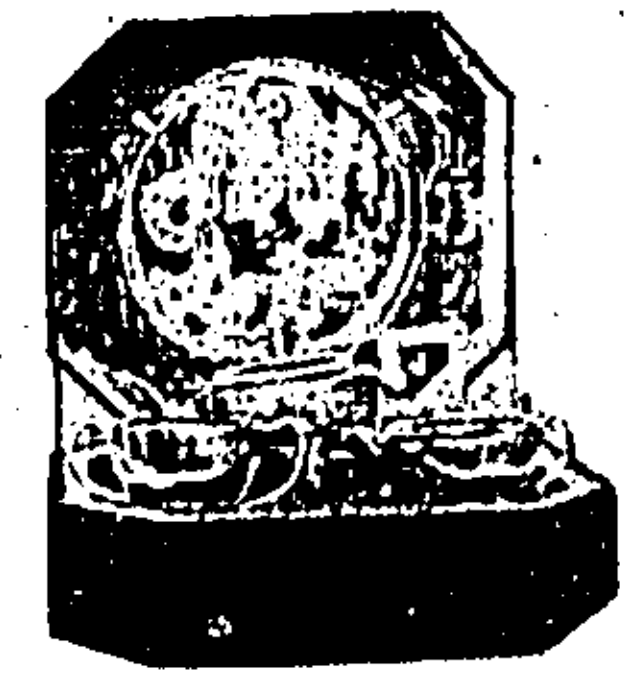
Right: H.R.H. Prince Edward Doll \$19.50

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Men's Handkerchiefs

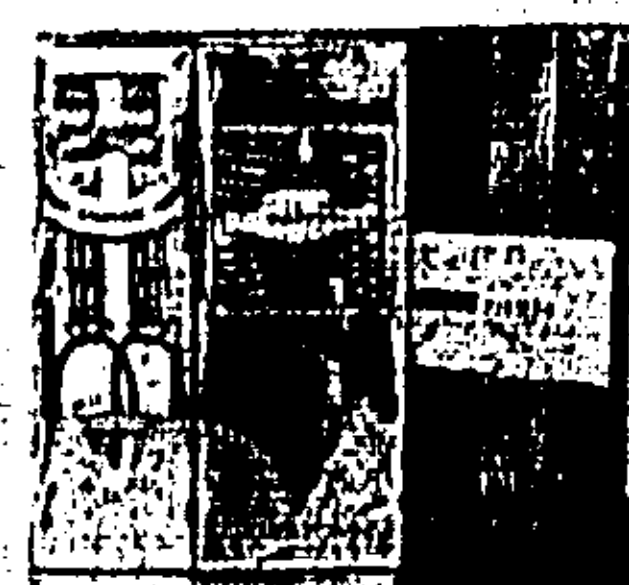
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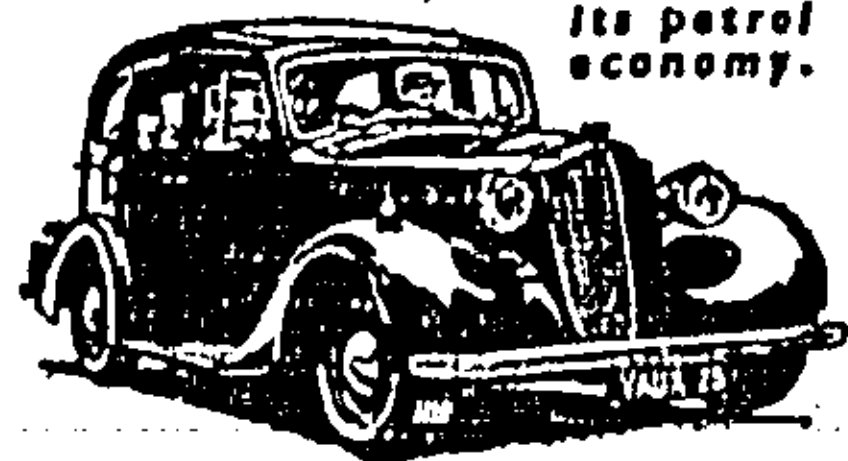
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War on Cancer

BRITAIN THIS WEEK declared war on an enemy which claims more lives than any war she has previously engaged in.

Financed to a great extent from philanthropic sources, a valiant campaign has been waged for many years in England against cancer, man's greatest scourge. But the facilities hitherto provided are, in the words of the Minister who introduced the Bill in the Commons this week, "manifestly inadequate."

Less than one in four of those who suffer from cancer have in England the opportunity of cure or amelioration which modern methods provide.

Cancer, like many other diseases, must be tackled early if there is to be any hope of cure, and the extension under Government auspices of the network of treatment centres is a matter long overdue.

Sanctions in Sydney

AUSTRALIAN WORKERS have declared economic sanctions against Japan, and refuse to load shipping carrying what they suspect are materials which may be turned to use in the war with China.

The boycott weapon, as Hongkong people know only too well, is the most powerful that the masses can employ.

But it is a dangerous and two-sided weapon. The Australian workers have got to square their desire to assist China in its fight against aggression with the possibility that boycott may bring reprisals by Japan. Australia has only two better customers for her goods than Japan—Britain and New Zealand.

If the Australians are prepared to risk the loss of Japan's trade by pursuing with their sanctions they have set an example which, if followed by the workers of other nations, will rapidly bankrupt Japan. But it is a risky experiment.

Set a Pest to Catch a Pest

INTO Hongkong the other day, by air-mail from a lonely farm in Kenya Colony, came a tiny whitewood box no larger than a matchbox and smaller than the linen label attached to it.

It was delivered to a Pan American Clipper and taken across the Pacific to complete a 14,000 mile journey by air.

These insects came from the headquarters of one of the strangest armies on earth, the army of expert campaigners of the Imperial Institute of Entomology, whose invisible war against marauding insects is saving the world £100,000,000 a year, and on the winning of which depends our very existence, physical and economic.



THOSE insects were samples of the 8,000,000 insect specimens housed and catalogued at the Natural History Museum in London.

From all over the world come appeals to the "Parasite Zoo"—and very soon a battalion of warrior parasites are recruited from the breeding station and sent off by the air-liner, safely enclosed in special cold-storage containers, with rations for the journey composed of such tasty-bits as raisins and sugar and water.



THAT is but one brief chapter in the story of man's ceaseless war against marauding insects—insects which represent sixty per cent. of all living things on this earth, and which would soon overrun us, killing our sheep and cattle, destroying our crops, cutting down our trees, blighting our vegetation, and spreading annihilating plagues, if permitted to have their own irresponsible, destructive way.

Every week some 2,000 letters arrive from every corner of the world at the Imperial Institute of Entomology; every day packages of all shapes and sizes—cigar-boxes, cigarette tins, bamboo tubes, hand-made wooden containers—arrive with specimen corpses of bandit insects. And almost every day legions of anti-pests are sent out to the remotest part of the world to battle against the hordes.

A popular parasite emigrant is *Alysia Manducator*, an insect which is in great demand in Australia. The grub is sent out in the chilling-room of a steamer, dormant in a bed of earth. At the end of its travels the grub hatches into a fly, which likes nothing better than to feed on the grub of the blow-fly which can kill sheep to the value of £3,000,000 in one year.

THEN there is the sawfly parasite, which is plentiful in Britain but which, until recently, did not exist in Canada. Unfortunately the sawfly has the annoying habit of tunnelling inside wheat stems and mowing down acres of grain long before the harvest is due. It is an expensive pestime, costing Canadian farmers millions of dollars a year.

But England's "Parasite Zoo" comes to the rescue by supplying parasites which lay eggs inside the sawfly grub so that when the sawfly grub is hatched the parasite egg is also hatched and proceeds to feed itself upon its unwilling host until there is no sawfly left to feed upon!

This war against insects, which is known as "biological control," really took practical shape in 1904 when General Gorgas became sanitary inspec-

tor of the death swamps of the Panama Canal zone and began to study the habits of the mosquito, which had killed 22,000 workers in eight years.

His triumph is now history. But what is not so well known is the fact that at that time there was scarcely one officially accredited entomologist in the British Empire.

To-day there are over three hundred highly-trained specialists sparing neither time nor effort in finding new means of defence and attack. Their work is not confined to the laboratory; their active service takes them into the remotest places in search of the scientific proof of the theory upon which they are staking everything, the theory that (to paraphrase an old rhyme)

If big fleas have little fleas
Upon their backs to bite
em,
Then little fleas have lesser
fleas,
And so ad infinitum!

That is why this year preparations were made, well in advance, for defensive action against an attack of the desert locust. Years of field-study have shown that the locust, whose damage is appalling and incalculable, swarms in cycles of ten or eleven years.

But there are locusts and locusts. South of the desert locusts are the tropical locusts, stretching from French Equatorial Africa to Tanganyika; south of these are the red locusts, then the brown locusts, whose terrifying hordes cost the Union of South Africa £2,000,000 a year and can strip areas larger than England completely clean of green life.



ARMIES of insects, known and unknown, are always attacking. They cost Canada \$25,000,000 a year, India £150,000,000 a year, and America \$400,000,000. At home Britain's farmers are not without their insect troubles. Because of the prolonged drought in the spring British sugar-beet was attacked for the first time by the deadly black aphid, whose total annual damage here cannot be computed. It also attacked mangels and beans, while legions of caterpillars devoured acres of cabbages, and deadly armies of wireworms moved across our wheatlands and did untold damage to the cereal crops.

But the fight goes on. Each new type of crop produces a new insect enemy for whom there must be found a parasite, or anti-pest. Man cannot rest in this world-wide war.

It was Sir Guy Marshall, in his capacity of Director of the Imperial Institute of Entomology—or C.-in-C. of the Anti-Pest Army—who once said that if the insects were allowed to have their own way they could destroy the world's vegetation in one year.

That gives you some idea of the debt we owe to those scientists whom we facetiously call "bug-hunters." But the true value of their work can never be assessed in terms of £ s. d.

**WED IN
HASTE**

Handman Charles Thomas, of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, and Marie Docherty met in the Ideal Home Exhibition at Edinburgh one Monday. She was working, he was playing there. On the Tuesday he proposed. On the Wednesday they were married under a tree on the Pentlands Hills, near Edinburgh, by General's wedding priest, Mr. Richard Rannison, who was at the exhibition. He brought his anvil from his Gretna smithy.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"He MUST care a little—didn't he name his new bacteria discovery after me?"

This is OUR EMPIRE

I SHALL be dealing to-day with a string of Colonial territories inhabited by Europeans—such as Gibraltar, Malta and Cyprus, or by Asiatics, such as Aden, Ceylon, British Malaya and Hongkong.

Most of these have been under British government for a hundred years, i.e. much longer than tropical Africa, but not nearly so long as the West Indies.

There can be no denying that this chain of British Colonies through the Mediterranean, the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean, became British because of our Navy, and primarily for the needs of a Navy that had to police the great maritime trade routes from Britain to India, Australia, New Zealand and the Far East.

In the 19th century they were often called "coaling stations." To-day with the same naval requirements, and the added requirement of air bases, civil as well as military, this chain of British Colonies is of as vital importance to the Dominions as to Great Britain.

Utility To Empire

The prosperity and good government of these islands and fortresses is as essential as their physical defence, for the internal peace and progress of each of them is as important in peace and war as their defence against foreign aggression. Their utility to the Empire as a whole depends in no small degree on the good relations of the people

THIS article comprises extracts from a talk given by Lord Harlech from the microphone at Broadcasting House, London, recently.

Lord Harlech, as Mr. Ormsby-Gore was Secretary of State for Colonies.

The manuscript of the talk was supplied by the courtesy of the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Hongkong has been British for close on one hundred years and is the headquarters of the China Squadron of the Royal Navy.

The overwhelming majority of its million inhabitants are Chinese. Aden became a British port and fortress before the opening of the Suez Canal.

The Colony and protectorate of Aden, of course, brings us into direct contact with the Arab world.

Cyprus, ceded to British administration by the Treaty of Berlin more than fifty years ago, is inhabited partly by Turkish and partly by Greek speaking Cypriots.

Malta And Gibraltar

Of all parts of the British Empire, it is the archaeologists' paradise, with the still visible remains of the art and monuments of Venice, of the Lusignan Kings, of the Crusaders, of the Byzantine, Roman and Hellenistic Empires, back to the rule of the Phoenicians, the Mycenaeans, and the ancient Egyptians, and based ultimately on apparently rich indigenous Neolithic civilisation of its own.

Malta, our chief naval base in the Mediterranean, was, for two romantic centuries before it became British in the Napoleonic wars, under the rule of the international order of the Knights of St. John.

The Maltese, who are of European race, speak a language which is at root Semitic, and many go back far beyond the Saracenic occupation of the early Middle Ages to the time when Malta was predominantly under the influence of Carthage and the Carthaginian homeland of Phoenicia.

The extant remains of a high civilisation in Malta go back even earlier than those of Minoan Crete. The Rock of Gibraltar has been British for over 200 years, that sentinel of the entrance and exit of the Mediterranean, and the last of all British Colonies, but one of the most significant in our naval and military history, still vital to Imperial defence.

Local Patriotism

This talk has inevitably been but a descriptive sketch in outline.

Our scattered Colonial Empire includes in addition to the links of this chain, many islands in the Pacific Ocean, Mauritius, St. Helena, the Falkland Islands—all the consequence of British maritime adventure in generations now long past. Each and all are other links with the great self-governing Dominions, the mortar between the great stones which are the ramparts of the Empire; they are the nerve centres of our vast Mercantile Marine but not only that, they are centres whence spread the knowledge and examples of British political and cultural ideas. Each unit has its own life, its own local patriotism, its own distinctive culture.

Loyalty To King

It is bound together by three things, first and most important, a common and generous loyalty to the varied peoples of these Colonies to the person of a single King; secondly, a sense of partnership in a great historic enterprise, and thirdly, and don't let us forget it, by the Royal Navy, which created it, and which is its material guardian in a now dangerous world.

In thinking over my memories of visits to these groups of Colonies—so varied in climate, in type, and degree—

(Continued on Page 5.)

"O.D." Owns 300 Cinemas—Goes To The Pictures "For A Little Relaxation"

"Good Wife" Aids Him In £30,000,000 Deal

BIRMINGHAM.

Covering a wall in the office of quiet, mild little Oscar Deutsch, cinema magnate, is a map of Britain studded with illuminated green bulbs.

Each bulb represents an Odeon cinema. They show how, in six years, their owner has risen from a metal merchants' yard to negotiate, this week, a £30,000,000 deal that will make him Britain's Cinema King.

He already owns 300 cinemas. If he brings off a deal now pending with Gaumont-British he will control 600 more. And 600 bulbs are waiting to add to the cluster on the map.

Bald-headed, 44-year-old Mr. Deutsch is known to his 15,000 employees, as "O. D." There is magic in those initials.

From them he coined the name "Odeon," a name that shines in neon lights in almost every town in the land.

He recently told the amazing story of how he has come to lead the cinema industry in six short years.

As a young man he took an academic interest in the cinema. It was in 1930 that he opened the first Odeon at Perry Bar, Birmingham.

BY 1933 HE HAD 50 CINEMAS. ONE OF THEM WAS BUILT IN VIRTUALLY AN OPEN FIELD. AND HIS FRIENDS IN THE CINEMA INDUSTRY JESTED ABOUT THE SITE. BUT PRESENTLY HOUSES SPRANG UP AROUND THIS ODEON ALMOST OVERNIGHT.

By 1937 the Odeons numbered 200. To-day there are 300, valued at about £22,000,000.

HIS SECRET

"I've come to control 300 theatres," said Mr. Deutsch in matter-of-fact tones, "but I haven't finished yet. I have a £10,000,000 plan to build still more."

"HOW DID I DO IT? A GIFT OF CONCENTRATION. THAT HAS BEEN MY SECRET."

"I am still concentrating," he laughed apologetically, "and every week another Odeon cinema opens." He told how his chestnut-haired wife is always at his elbow to help him in the great decisions he has to make.

"She is on my Board of Directors," he said, "and has been responsible for the decoration of all our halls. No two of them are alike."

"She learned that when we were first married. She designed the furnishings of our home twenty years ago. Her wonderful sense of colour and design has been evident in all our homes—and in all our cinemas."

"A good wife is the greatest gift that a man can have."

While he directs the organisation of his great circuit Mrs. Deutsch is travelling all over the country supervising the decoration of each new hall.

TELEVISION NEXT

But at week-ends they meet, and forget business in their large, comfortable home at Edgbaston, near here.

Cinemas are never mentioned. Mr. Deutsch becomes the family man with his three children.

HE TOLD OF HIS AMBITIONS FOR THE FUTURE. "TELEVISION IS THE NEWEST FORM OF ENTERTAINMENT," HE SAID. "I PLAN LATER TO HAVE FULL-SIZE TELEVISION SCREENS IN EVERY ODEON CINEMA."

"My favourite relaxation?" he repeated, and whispered a secret.

"I often work 18 hours a day, but in odd hours off I go to the pictures for a little relaxation."

Mr. Deutsch travels continually between London and Birmingham, always with a secretary at his elbow.

His head office is still in Birmingham, but lavish London offices were opened in Park-lane in 1934.

It is in Park-lane that the millionaire cinema king is seen at his best.

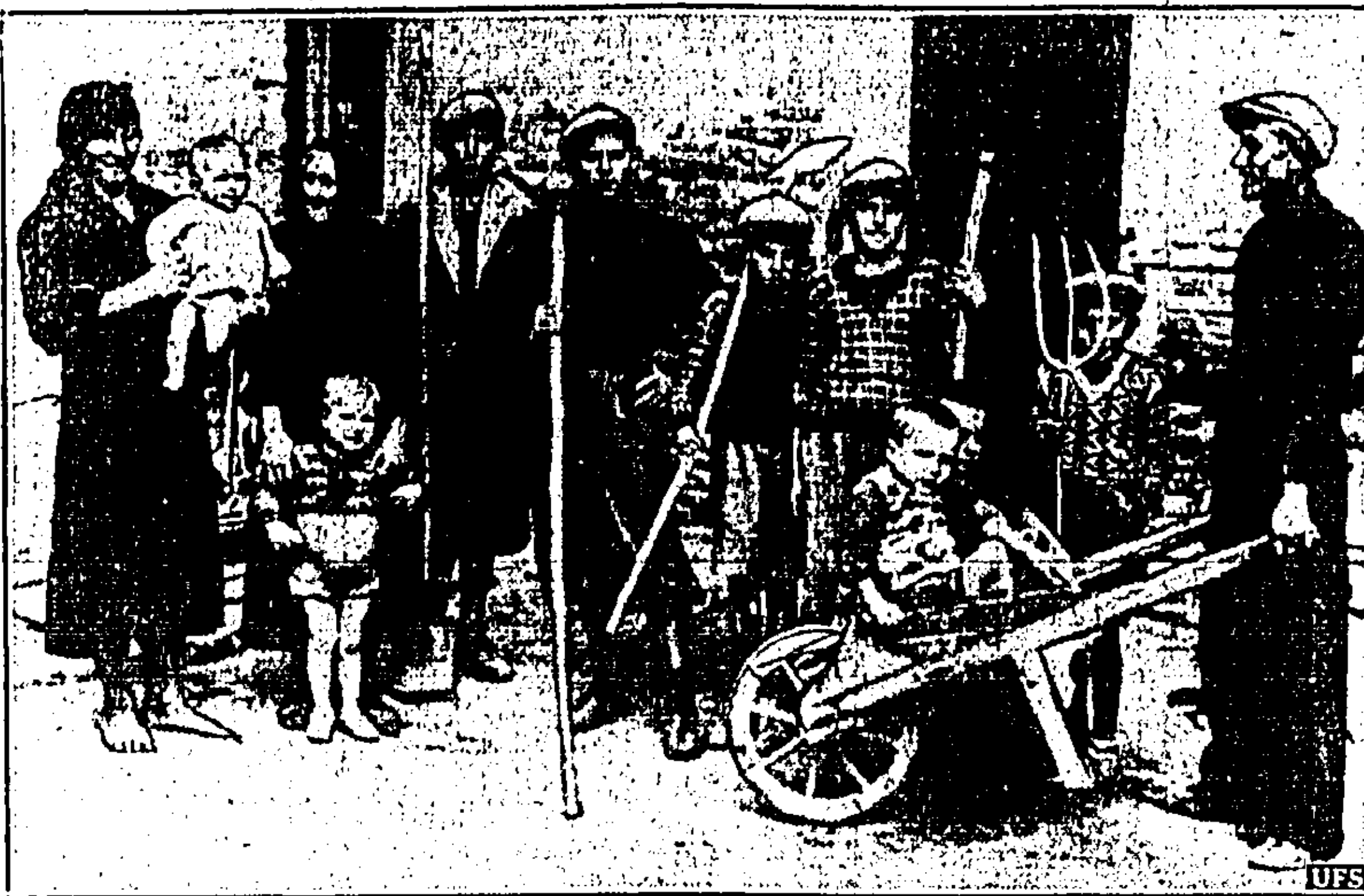
Dog "Retrieves" Shark

Queenscliff, Australia. Even dogs have taken to shark fishing here. A retriever jumped from a pier here, caught a 5-foot shark by the tail, and dragged it ashore where fishermen shot it.

CONTINENTAL

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New homes in agricultural colonies in Libya, Italian empire across the Mediterranean in Africa, will be found by 20,000 Italians in 1,000 families, vanguard of millions. Italy plans to settle them eventually. Here is one of the families about to leave Rome. Homes, stables and irrigation works have already been constructed for them.



Britain, governing Palestine through a mandate of the League of Nations, is attempting to stamp out acts of terrorism that have upset the Holy Land in frequent clashes between Jews and Arabs. Here, a member of the Royal West Kent's brings in two bandits captured near Tuf Karum. British have erected barbed-wire internment camps.

300 CATS "INVADED" STUDIO Two Men Said They Were Ill-Treated

An allegation of cruelty to cats in the production of the film "Goldwyn Follies of 1938" was mentioned in a case recently before Mr. Justice Singleton in the King's Bench Division.

Samuel Goldwyn, Incorporated, and United Artists Corporation were granted an injunction to restrain Edmund T. MacMichael, J. M. Coubrough, and the Bancroft Press, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, from repeating or publishing similar libels to that which, it was alleged, was contained in a pamphlet printed by Bancroft Press and distributed by MacMichael and Coubrough.

An order for damages was not asked for as it was not likely to be of any avail.

"TO REPEAT THEM"

In the pamphlet MacMichael and Coubrough were described, respectively, as hon. director and hon. treasurer of the Performing and Captive Animals Defence League,

which denounces cruelty in the Goldwyn Follies film.

"That society," said Mr. G. D. Roberts, K.C. (for the film companies), "has been prominent in the hands of MacMichael, in making allegations against persons who are connected with the circus trade, and has a long record of litigation."

"MacMichael and Coubrough have received notification in regard to this action, but they have refused to enter any appearance, although in correspondence they assert the truth of the allegations and express their intention of repeating them."

Mr. Justice Singleton asked if MacMichael was in court, and a man from the back came forward with what he said was his reply to the notice of motion.

Mr. Justice Singleton: I see you are called Captain MacMichael.

"I was a captain during the war in the 8th Devonshires," was the answer.

IN SAME REGIMENT

Mr. Roberts: I can give personal evidence of that. I happened to be in the same regiment.

[Mr. G. D. Roberts, K.C., served from August 1914 to April 1919 in the Devonshire Regiment and on the Staff. He was in France four years.]

In a statement he read, MacMichael said he had tried, through the court, to prevent the exhibition of the film.

"We are prepared to fight Samuel Goldwyn at any time in this matter," he added.

In "Goldwyn Follies of 1938" the Ritz Brothers sing a song about cats, ending with a film studio being invaded by 300 cats.]

FAMOUS PIANIST DIES

Leopold Godowsky, 68-year-old Russian composer and pianist, who made his debut at the age of nine, has died in New York after an operation.

Godowsky was greatest of all pianists from the point of execution. Horowitz nowadays might excel him, or Rachmaninoff, but in his day he was more dazzling even than Paderewski or Pachmann.

He "transcribed" the Chopin studies, and some of the great ones could not play them, although they sounded simple enough when he was at the key-board.

Pachmann, the eccentric, said of him: "Godowsky is the king of pianists—but I can play better."

AMERICAN WIFE

He could, but never as brilliantly. In 1900 the Emperor Franz Joseph made him head of the Imperial Royal Piano School in Vienna, but he spent the greater part of his life in New York, and married an American.

His Vienna contract specified 200 hours a year of teaching, at £4 5s. an hour.

Classes were never to exceed 15, and if he were absent from Vienna—even in America—the class had to go to him, expenses paid by the Government.

It was a pension post, and he started with ten years nominally to his credit.

He disdained pianists' hair and when a bouquet was passed up to the platform after one of his London recitals he spurned it.

"I'm not a ballet dancer," he said.

Safest Hands In The World

SHE HELD CHINA WORTH £3,000,000; NEVER A BREAK

The safest hands in the world. To whom do they belong? A statesman, a helmsman, or an engine driver, a surgeon, a dentist, or an artist, a wicket-keeper, or a goalkeeper?

No—they are reputed to belong to quiet humble Mrs. Louisa Allen, of Arvon-road, Highbury, N.—a white-haired war widow, aged about 60, who has the air and the bearing of a family retainer in a ducal house or of the old-fashioned "nannie."

For the last 20 years, six days a week, she has earned a living washing, scrubbing, and polishing the treasured porcelain, potteries, and pieces of china passing through the hands of a great West End firm of antique dealers, Messrs. Rochelle Thomas, of King-street, St. James's-street, S.W.

During that time she has averaged between 150 and 160 pieces a day (a million pieces in the aggregate). And on the average each piece has been worth between £1 to £4. So she has cleaned about £3,000,000 worth of pottery, china, and porcelain.

She has not broken a single piece during her 20 years; and she has only chipped three. Surely it is with justice that she claims to have the safest hands in the world.

THERE'S A THRILL. Recently, she was one of the proudest women in London, for she has more than 350 china and porcelain figures on view in the Antique Dealers' Fair at Grosvenor House. Each piece has been carefully and lovingly washed by her expert hands.

What are her hands like? Her handshakes is a gentle caress, neither clinging nor curl. It is precise but kind. Her fingers are long, artistic,

and soft, but not weak or indefinite.

Her nails are manicured and perfectly shaped, showing symmetrical "moons," but they are not long or tinted.

Louisa, as Mrs. Allen is known among antique dealers and art connoisseurs, told me that the knack of handling china is hereditary.

"My brother was a china packer," she said. "My father was foreman at Christie's, and my married daughter is very domesticated too. I think 'safe hands' must be in the family."

"There's a thrill in washing up display pieces. I remember washing the famous 'Dresden Music Teacher,' which was valued at £2,000."



Colonel Fulgencio Batista, virtual dictator of Cuba, who was a recent guest of the American Army in Washington.

Lens Shows Up Mars

Oakland, Cal. Alfred Leach, president of the East Bay Astronomical association, has built a telescope in his garage with a 9-inch Newtonian reflector that has permitted him to make observations of Mars that have convinced him the planet has life on it.

WPA Nap Nearly Fatal

BUTTE, Mont. Sneaking a sleep on a WPA project can entail even greater dangers than merely getting discharged. A local worker slipped under a wire-house platform to take his nap and was sleeping soundly when a truck drove onto the platform. The support gave way, and the truck settled on the ground only a foot from the sleeper's head.

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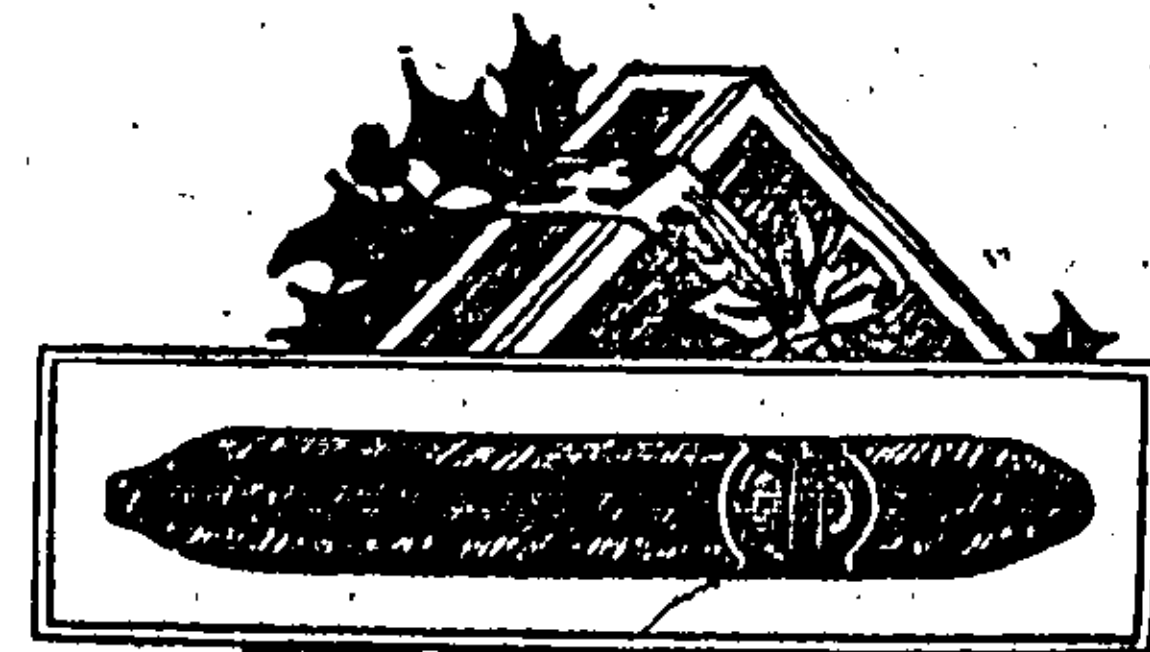


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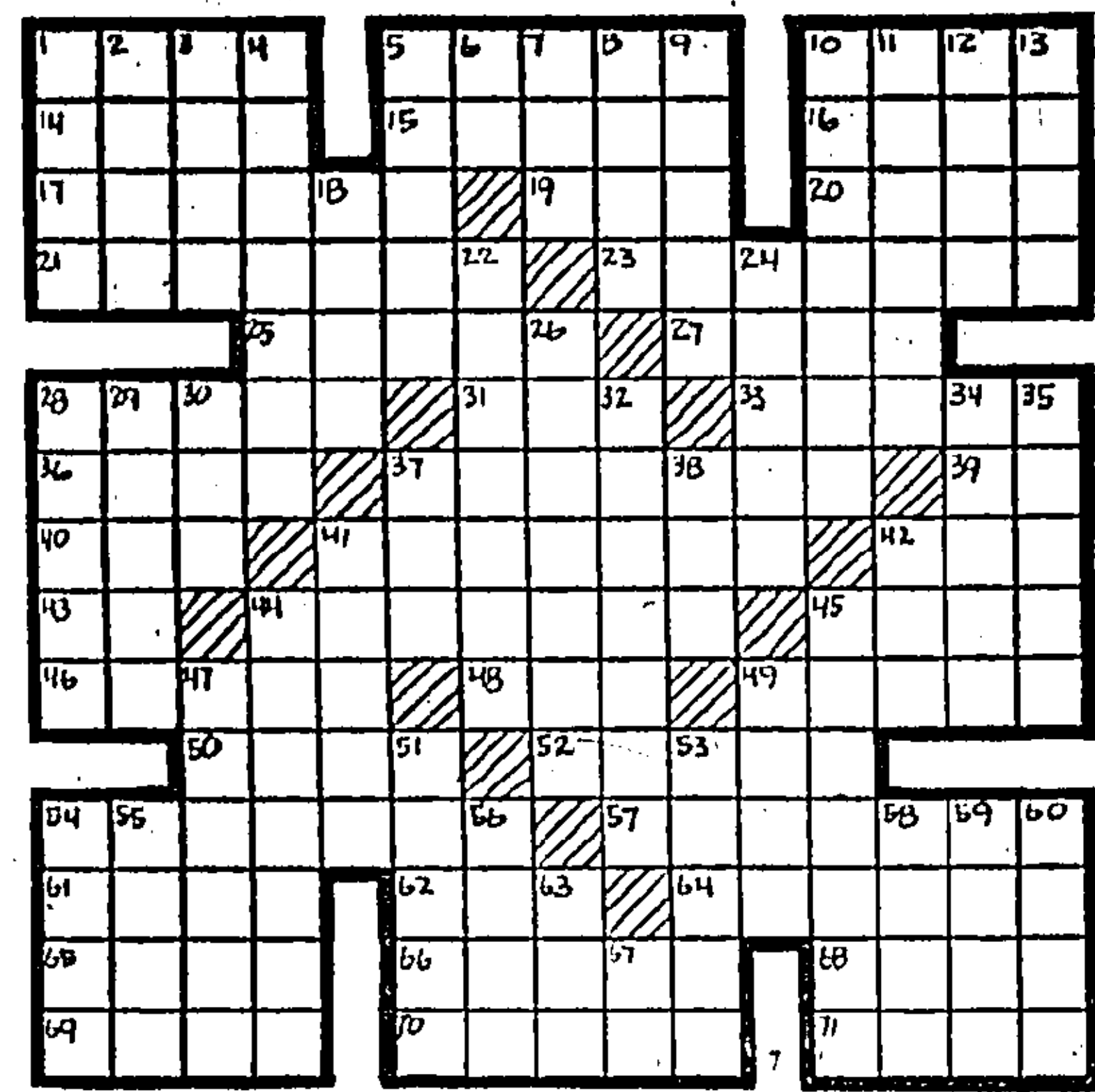
By LARS MORRIS

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4—Girl's name
5—Infinitive adverb
6—Faint
7—Pier
8—Dreadful
9—Morning word
10—Blackbird
11—Live up
12—Alone
13—Wanted phrases
14—Indispensable need
15—Aborn
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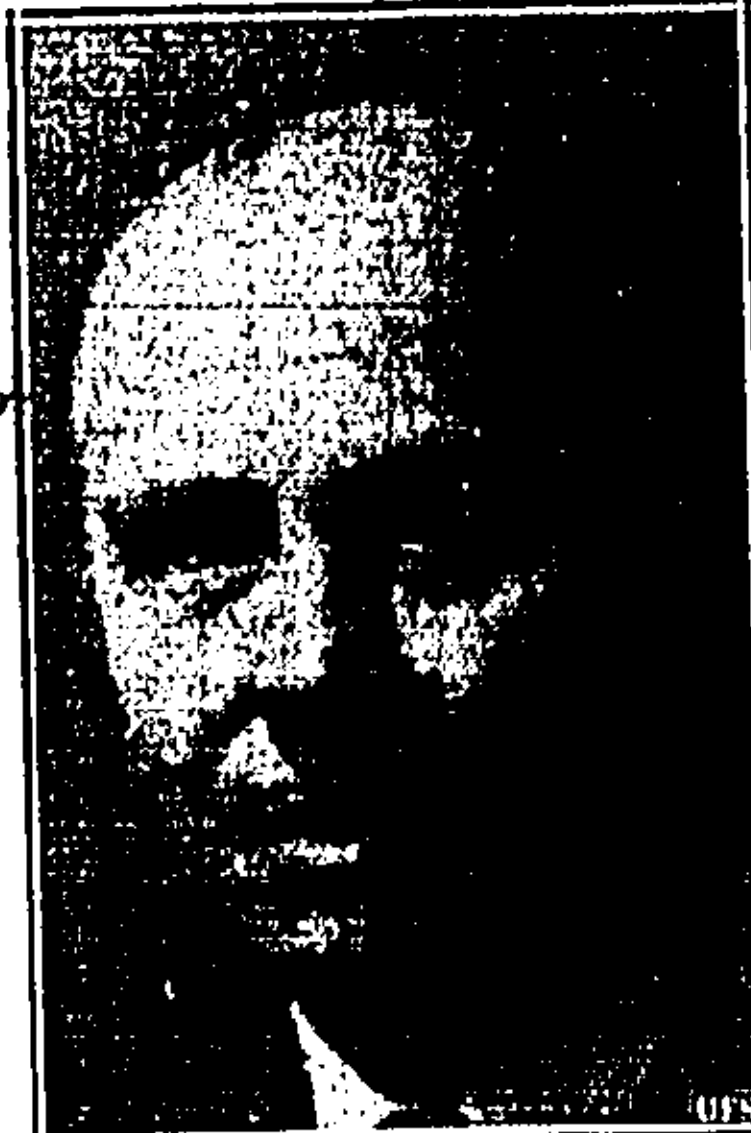
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Sign of The Cross in The Dock

Within a few minutes of the death sentence being passed at the Old Bailey on Sidney George Paul, 46-year-old salesman, for the murder of his wife in the sun parlour of their home at Ruislip, Middlesex, a telegram was sent to Belgium, where three of the four Paul children are living in a convent:

"COUPABLE" ("Guilty") was the only word in the message.



Hugh R. Wilson, United States Ambassador to Berlin, recently called by the State Department to return forthwith to Washington for "report and consultation." Technically it was not a recall in the sense of breaking off diplomatic relations with Germany, but his return to Germany was believed questionable.

Philatelist by Luck

NEW ORLEANS. Herman Herst, Jr., of New York City said during the American Philatelic convention here that it was luck that put him in the stamp collecting business. While working for a bond firm, Herst, an amateur stamp collector, was looking over a dealer's collection and found a valuable stamp. He bought it for \$3, paid \$100 more for a bill of sale and later sold it for \$3,450.

Mrs. Paul's relatives in Belgium will decide how the news can be told to the three girls (the eldest only 17).

The fourth child, a boy of eight, is still in England, at school. He is aware that he has lost his mother, but nothing more.

The jury of four women and eight men had been absent 40 minutes considering their verdict.

"Guilty," said the foreman. "Have you anything to say why sentence of death should not be passed upon you?" the Clerk asked, in the formal challenge.

Paul pulled his left hand from his jacket pocket and held it high for the judge to see. Around his wrist and hand was entwined a tangle of black beads, with its Crucifix.

"I am not guilty, my lord," he said in firm, clear tones.

Mr. Justice Asquith began to pronounce the first sentence of death since he has been a judge, and obviously he felt the strain of it.

"You have had a fair trial," he said. His voice dropped and he hesitated.

"And may God have mercy upon your soul," he concluded.

The priest standing behind the Bench called out "Amen."

Paul lifted his eyes again, held himself erect and made the Sign of the Cross upon his brow and breast with the Crucifix.

Warders led him below.

Paul is English. He was a trier who failed. He had been storekeeper in the Congo, pearl fisher in Australia, soldier with the Australians in the Great War, farmer in Belgium.

His house at Ruislip had been sold, but the money has been swallowed in expenses that followed the tragedy.

Paul has practically no money. He was defended under the Poor Prisoners' Defence Act, and Mr. J. F. Eastwood, K.C., his counsel, receives £10 for four days' constant attendance at court and for hours of conferences and journeys to Ruislip and to Brixton Prison.

Mr. Eastwood's junior receives £11. The solicitors, Messrs. Wilfred Firth, get £10 for preparing a defence.

And no prisoner could have had more zealous defenders.

RUBBER QUOTA RAISED

MINING LANE IN THE DARK AS TO REASON

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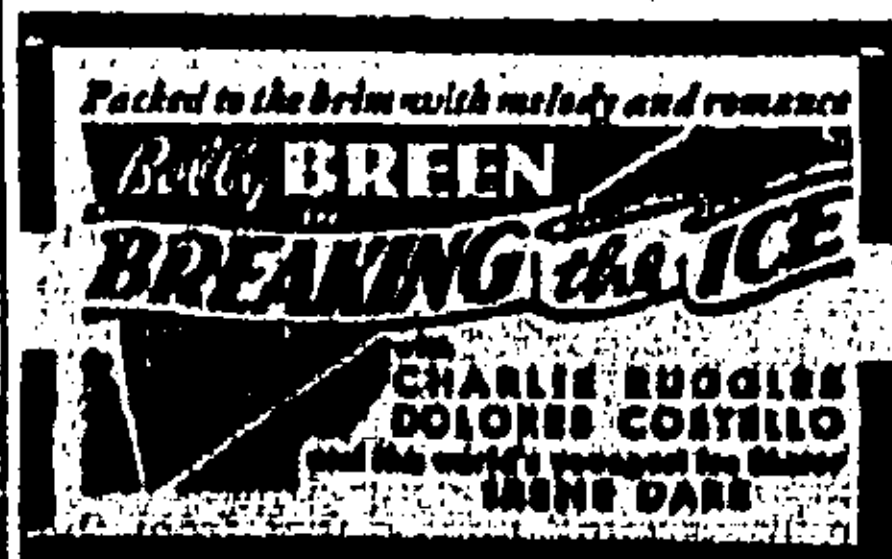
Commenting on the decision of the International Rubber Regulation Committee increasing the export allowance for the first quarter of next year to 80 per cent. of basic quotas, Symington and Wilson, London, in their report write:—

One is of course in the dark as to the reasoning which led the Committee to their decision. In view of the agitation which has been going on in America for an increase to 55 per cent. it is to be presumed that the American manufacturers put forward high estimates of American consumption in the early months of next year.

On more than one occasion previously estimates have been put forward on behalf of the manufacturers which have afterwards proved to be entirely illusory. One must believe that the Committee have by now learnt to regard these estimates with a certain amount of scepticism and is therefore forced to the conclusion that on this occasion the Advisory Panel of Manufacturers have been able to show good reasons why their estimates are likely to prove correct.

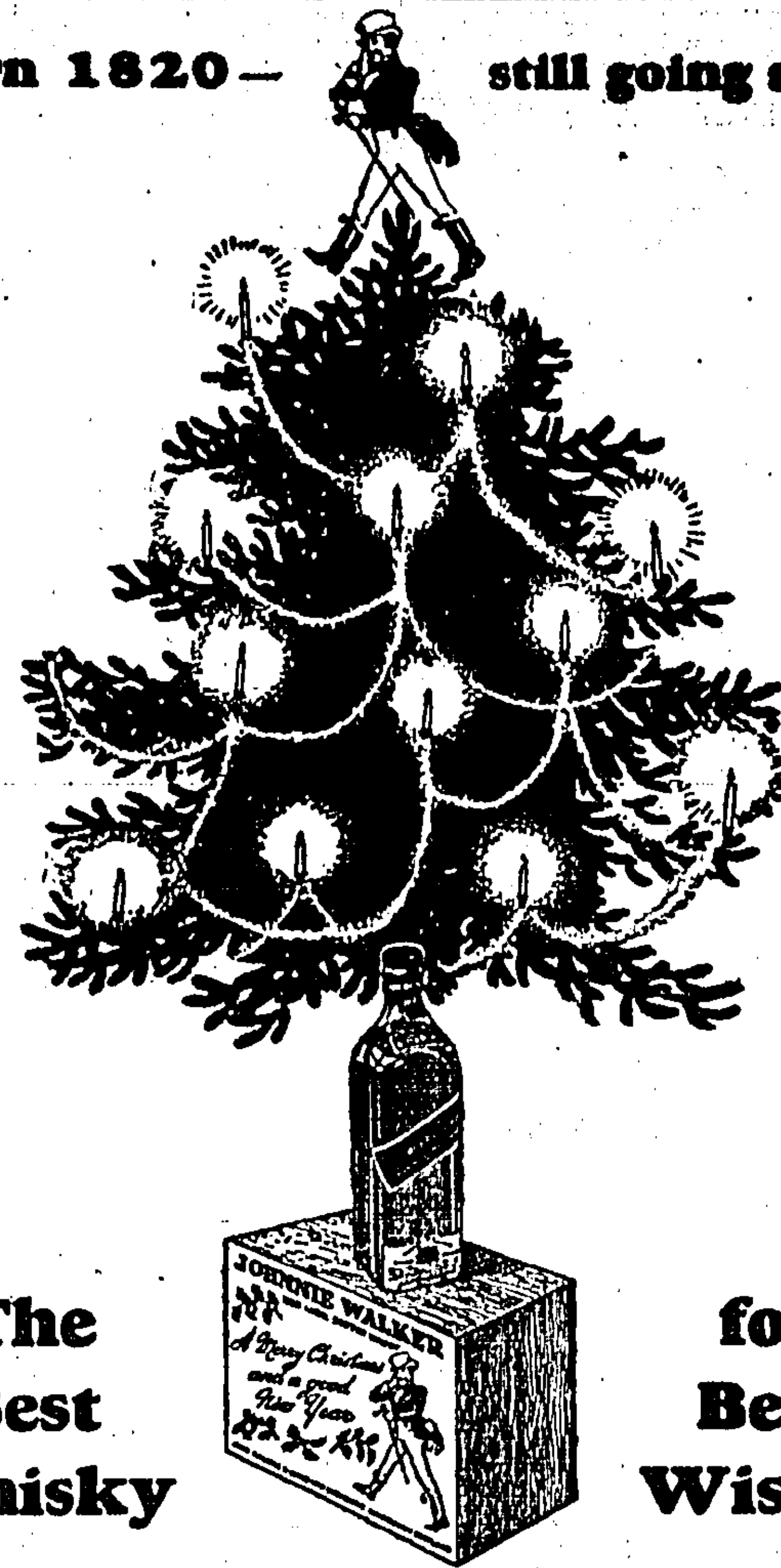
Thrift Starts Early

Wellington, O. Harry and Robert Lee are making a profit from the renting of their small, home-made mechanical racer to the other children in their neighbourhood. It is powered with a washing-machine motor and it can attain a speed of 15 miles an hour.



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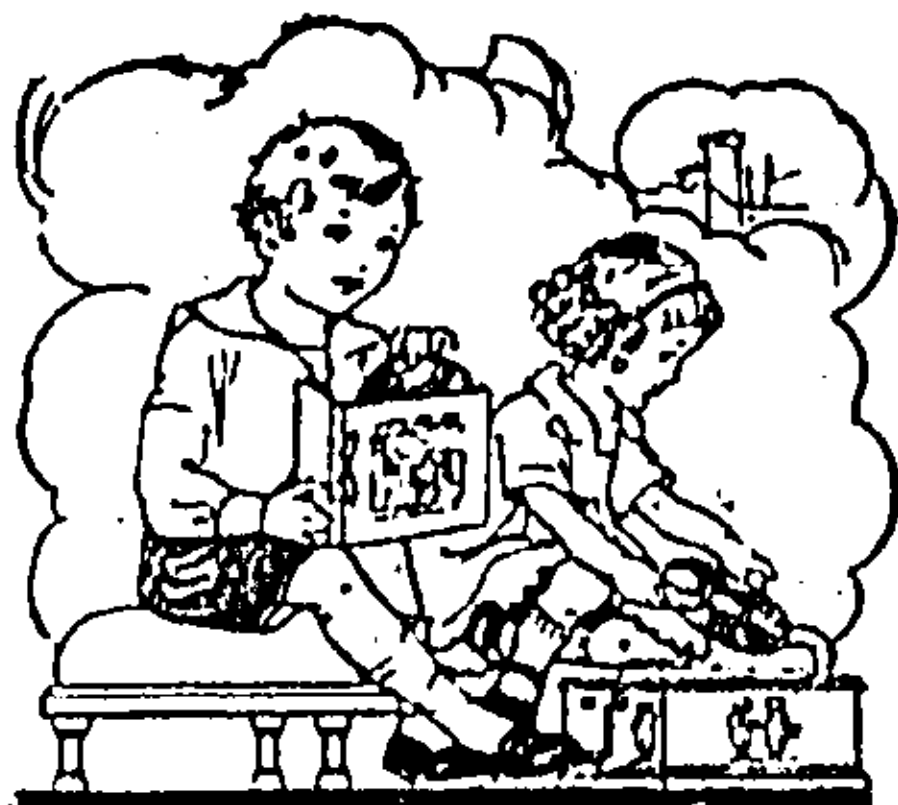
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Dancer of 21 Accused of Bigamy

A Liverpool school teacher, whose
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him, told the Liverpool magistrates
recently that if her marriage to a
man named Isaacs in South Africa
was legal, he would marry her when
she was free.

The girl's name was given as Doris
Marguerite Isaacs, of Mossville Road,
Gurton, Liverpool, and she was
remanded, charged with bigamously
marrying Michael Francis O'Grady.
The prosecution could not complete
the case because an expert
on the law of South Africa had to
be called.

Isaacs was a member of a dancing
troupe touring South Africa in
October, 1936. It was stated, and
became acquainted with a salesman
named Walter Isaacs. In January
of this year she was married to him
in Peternmaritzburg.

"I WAS UNDER AGE"
On her return to England the
following month the girl resumed an
acquaintance with Mr. O'Grady.
On July 20 this year they went
through a form of marriage at Liver-
pool.

When on August 31 Isaacs was seen
by a detective she made a statement
in which it was alleged she said she
did not realise she had married
Isaacs until she got some papers to
sign.

"I had told him I was under age
and he said give my age as 22," con-
tinued the statement.

"I did not live with him as his wife
and I left Durban the same week and
did not see him any more. I did not
think the marriage was binding.

"I was told by numerous people
that as I was under 21 at the time
and had not obtained my parents'
consent it had not been a proper
marriage."

Diogenes, Here He Is!

Fort Ross, Cal.

Diogenes in his search for an honest
man missed a great opportunity by
not being here. The occasion was
the return of John Stockoff to pay
back with interest a \$5 loan made him
by Frank Thomas 48 years ago.
Thomas had forgotten the loan.

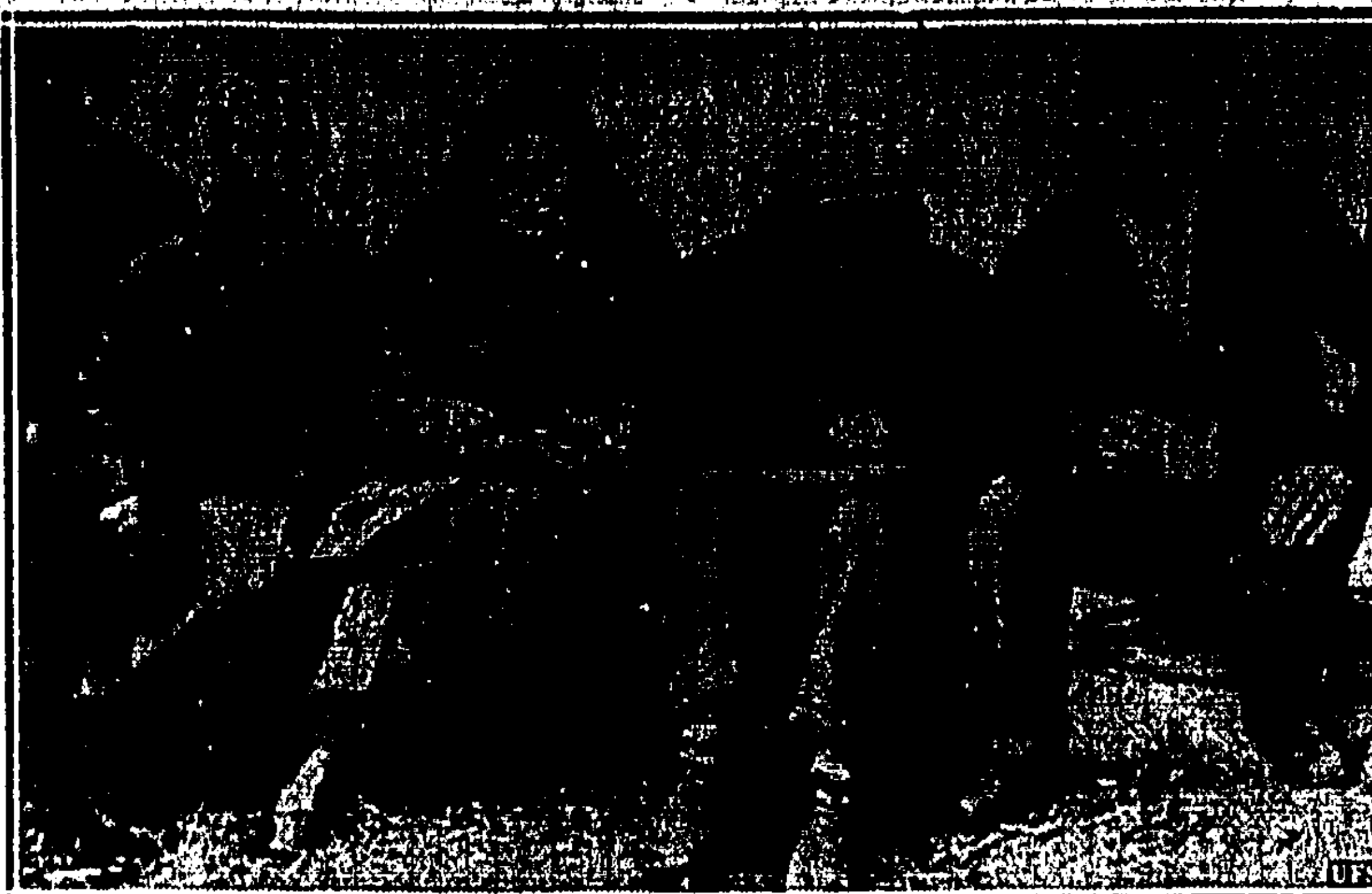
BOY OF 16 DOES NOT KNOW REAL NAME

In spite of several days' search
through marriage and birth certi-
ficates at Somerset House, the police
failed to trace the identity of the
parents of a 16-year-old boy who
appeared at West London Juvenile
Court as being in need of care and
protection.

A man with whom the boy lived at
Staines had been sent to prison for
six months. He told a detective-
sergeant: "I adopted the boy eight
or nine years ago through a news-
paper advertisement, but cannot re-
member which paper."

"I do not remember the boy's real
name."

The boy also does not know his
real name or in which part of the
country he used to live. He is to
remain in the remand home while
further inquiries are made.



Some of the Jews ousted by Nazis from their homes in Sudetenland, yet refused admittance by Czechoslovakia. About 150 families are living in improvised shelters on the Sudeten-Czech border, uncertain as to their future. The man at right was a Ludenberg merchant who had been decorated for bravery with the German army in the World War.

Yachtswoman Marries Her Skipper

Oban.
Yachting romance was revealed
at Oban recently, when Miss Florence
Margaret Dudgeon, of Enmore, Mull,
33-year-old, wealthy yachtswoman,
was married before Sheriff Chalmers
to black-bearded, 60-year-old James
Andrew Bray, master mariner and
captain of her auxiliary sailing yacht
Ben Hiant.

The bride wore a Balmoral bonnet
with a large feather attached and a
tartan dress. No member of her
family was present.

The couple travelled to Oban in
the morning on the Mull mailboat
Lochnavar.

WAS TRAWLER MASTER

Formerly master of a Brixham
trawler, the bridegroom was signed
on by Miss Dudgeon as captain of the
Ben Hiant a few years ago when she
was cruising in English waters. For
14 years the bride has lived almost

FIELD-MARSHAL CARRIED ASHORE

Field-Marshal Lord Birdwood, who
attended the funeral of Kemal
Ataturk, the Turkish dictator, was
carried ashore with an injured foot
when he arrived at Folkestone Har-
bour recently.

He was met by Lady Birdwood
with a car and taken to his home,
Deal Castle, Kent, where he was said
to be improving. The injury is not
serious.

Owing to an infected foot, caused
by an accident in Paris, Lord Bird-
wood, who is 73, was unable to walk
in the funeral procession at Angora,
where he acted as the King's deputy.

wholly on board the Ben Hiant, wh ch
has a crew of four.

After the civil ceremony the couple
walked back to the Lochnavar, which
was gaily bedecked with flags and
bunting, and returned to Mull.

"We are very happy and have no
plans for the future," Mrs. Bray said.
"From now on, however, we hope to
make the Ben Hiant our home."

STOMACHS BURNED WITH ACID

—the result of neglected indigestion

Nobody should neglect indigestion
pains. For indigestion is a sign that,
after eating, too much acid is being made
in your stomach. If you allow this to
continue, more and more of this acid will
be produced, more than can usefully be
utilised in the work of digesting your food.
The spare acid has to do something. And
it certainly does! It sets to work to burn
away the stomach lining. Inflamed, sore
places begin to form, ending in agonising
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Many a sufferer has ended up on the
operating table, because he neglected
ordinary indigestion.

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you suffer from pain after eating, take a
dose of Maclean Brand Stomach Powder
after every meal. It will make that
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DULL PLAY SEEN IN TENNIS SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. Skinner, Mrs. Tracey Successful

Mrs. Skinner and Mrs. Tracey entered the final of the Ladies Tennis doubles championship of the Colony yesterday by defeating Mrs. Burnett and Miss V. Bradbury at the United Services R. C. by 5-7, 6-0, 7-5.

For such a late stage of the competition, the standard of play seen was a trifle disappointing; with both pairs hugging the base-line, there was too little variation. Drives were the order of the day, and there was no volleying or smashing.

The younger pair took a lead of 3-1 in the first set, and though Mrs. Skinner and Mrs. Tracey levelled up at 4-4, Mrs. Burnett and Miss Bradbury led again at 5-4 and then 6-5, before breaking through Mrs. Tracey's service in the twelfth game to clinch the set.

Making many mistakes, Mrs. Burnett and Miss Bradbury were overwhelmed in the second set, which Mrs. Skinner and Mrs. Tracey won without conceding a single game through deep driving and steady play.

INTERESTING SET

The third set proved the most interesting. Mrs. Burnett and Miss Bradbury went ahead to 2-1 and then 3-1, only to be pulled up to 3-3. Then Mrs. Skinner and Mrs. Tracey took the lead at 4-3. However, the younger pair came back to win the eighth game to level the scores.

Leading 40-love on her service, Miss Bradbury had a great chance of annexing the all-important ninth game, but the opportunity was missed and Mrs. Skinner and Mrs. Tracey not only deuced the game but also won it to lead 5-4.

However, Mrs. Tracey also dropped her service, and the game was again squared.

Then, as if too shy to succeed where the others had failed, Mrs. Burnett followed suit and lost her service, thus giving her opponents the lead at 6-5.

This time Mrs. Skinner made no mistake and held her service to win out at 7-5.

DULL EXCHANGES

All four players indulged in base-line stroking, and the winners, by their steadiness, emerged victorious. There were no volleys nor smashes, and at times the exchanges were very dull.

Miss Bradbury was more forceful than Mrs. Burnett, but she showed a weakness in her backhand, which was exploited by her opponents. Mrs. Tracey was the better of the two winners, her splendid length and steady play carrying her partner through many a long rally.

Mrs. Skinner and Mrs. Tracey will now meet the winners of the Miss P. Anderson and Miss Young Wai-bun v. Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu match.



Douglas Hung, at the finish of a swing in the softball match between the Machine Gunners and the Chinese Baseballers. There is power in his swing, but unfortunately he missed the ball.—Photo by Jaffer.

ANOTHER ROMANCE RUMOURED

Mrs. Moody Again In Limelight

London, Nov. 25. An engagement may shortly be announced between Mrs. Helen Willis Moody, eight times winner of the Wimbledon lawn tennis singles championship, and Mr. Aidan Roark, thirty-two-year-old British international polo player, says the Daily Express.

Mr. Roark was asked to confirm the news in New York last night. He refused to make any statement.

Mrs. Moody, who is thirty-two, was granted a divorce at Reno (Nevada) in August after accusing her husband, a San Francisco stockbroker, of mental cruelty.

During her stay in Reno she said: "I wouldn't go so far as to say there isn't another man in my life, but I have no plans for marriage again right now."

Mr. Aidan Roark's first marriage, to Esther Moore, former wife of a wealthy rancher, was dissolved at Los Angeles. Mrs. Roark alleged he was "rude and brusque" to her.

Mr. Roark holds a post with Twentieth Century-Fox in Hollywood. He is tall, dark, handsome.

F.A. Cup Replay Ends In Draw

London, Dec. 14. In the second round re-play in the F.A. Cup, Mansfield, at home, battled to a 3-3 draw with Halifax to-day after extra time had been played.—*Reuter*.

Boon After Lightweight Boxing Title

Punching Ability Against Crowley's Greater Ringcraft

London, Dec. 14. One of the most thrilling lightweight boxing contests in years is anticipated at Harringay Arena to-morrow night when the Londoner, Dave Crowley, is defending his British championship against the 16-years old blacksmith's assistant, Eric Boon, of Cambridgeshire.

The fight will be over 15 rounds. Boon undoubtedly will bank everything in his exceptional punching ability, but it is problematical whether he is capable of creating the necessary openings against the experienced ring-craft of Crowley, whose bobbing, weaving and non-stop methods make him a difficult target.—*Reuter*.

Squash

James Dear Wins British Open Title

London, Dec. 14. James Dear won the British open squash title to-day, beating A. E. Biddle by 6-9, 9-1, 9-2 and 9-6.

Dear won the first match last week by three games to two.

The Egyptian master, Amr Bey, who was holder of the title for five years, did not compete.—*Reuter*.

FOOTBALL TAUGHT BY EXPERTS

New York. Boys who want to learn football from "old masters" will have that opportunity in the Academy of Sport at the New York World's Fair 1939. Free classes in every department of the game are to be taught during September and October of next year by such expert coaches and players as Jim Crowley of Fordham, Mal Stevens of N.Y.U., "Pop" Warner of Temple, Lou Little of Columbia, "Chick" Meahan, Benny Friedman of C.C.N.Y., Larry Kelly of Yonkers, Alexander Wojciechowski of the Detroit Lions and Marshall Goldberg of the University of Pittsburgh.—*United Press*.

OUR WEEKLY HOCKEY FEATURE

'The Pilgrim' on— IMPORTANCE OF THE CAPTAIN ON THE HOCKEY FIELD LEADERSHIP MAY HELP TO WIN MANY MATCHES

The ideal captain is born, though one may become very experienced by long acquaintance with sport and in the handling of men. The importance of electing a leader who has the power to command and to instruct cannot be over-estimated.

One often sees a captain going through the whole game without a remark or suggestion to his side, although he has possibly seen many instances of faulty passing, poor tactics or even cases of extreme selfishness. The good captain will dictate tactics in a kindly, yet authoritative manner and so secure the fullest confidence of his players. Players who may not have the in-born intuition to lead should not accept the position. The policy of making the best player your captain is a blunder of the first magnitude. I have seen many unwise actions of this kind.

The good captain should not be the bullying autocrat, but he can be termed the kind autocrat. Sound captaincy instils into a side perfect esprit de corps, and a strong captain can prevent little jabs or incidents on the field by the exercise of tact and firmness. The passive captain is useless; he must lead or he fails.

CAPTAIN'S DUTIES

It is when the match is going against his side that his initiative and knowledge of what real captaincy means should be shown. A hint here and there, a change of position



Ribeiro, the brilliant young Recreio goal-keeper, who has been showing consistently fine form this season.

or plan, encouragement of this or that player, the ability to appreciate the respective temperaments of his men are big assets in successful captaincy.

On and off the field, the captain should be the leader—one of engaging personality whose word is accepted as final.

Already this season, our old friends, "barging" and "boring" are becoming more prominent than ever, whilst dangerous hitting by backs and halves has been regrettably frequent; this, along with the incorrect rolling-in, keeping the ball well up in the air in the circle and other faults need prompt attention.

In regard to the roll-in, why is it so difficult to get a man to know what the process of ROLLING IN is? "Hurling" is more like the general interpretation; before long, I can see a new rule framed to cut it out simply, because players will not trouble to learn to play the game.

HELP THE UMPIRE

Captains may help to suppress foul play, play though strict umpiring is the only solution; they should take particular pains to point out that it is the ignorance and inefficiency of their own players that is causing the frequent stoppages.

No illegality should be ignored in mid-field. Foul play is foul play wherever it occurs, and if a player uses his foot to push his stick at the ball, well, pull him up. Personally I think it a mistake to allow the foot to be used to support the stick at all, for a half or back to do so is manifestly unfair to the coming forward.

By giving their men friendly advice during a game, captains would be helping the umpires a great deal.

STANDINGS OF TEAMS IN THE H.K.H.A. TOURNNEY

The following is the League Table in the H.K.H.A. Tournament:

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Radio & P.S.C.	5	4	0	1	14	4	9
R.A.F.	5	3	0	2	10	6	6
Recreio	4	3	0	1	10	4	6
C.B.A.	4	2	2	0	9	7	4
Nomads	3	2	2	0	11	4	4
"Police"	3	2	1	0	10	4	4
K.I.T.C.	3	1	1	1	10	7	3
Varsity	3	0	3	0	8	9	0
H.A.C.	2	0	3	0	13	0	0
Police "B"	3	0	3	0	14	0	0

MACAO VISITS

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the Navy were unable to visit Macao last Sunday. Lt. Commander Bowerman informs me, however, that he is sending a combined Navy XI to play Macao on January 8.

An Army Officers' team is making the trip on Sunday. The team on paper looks a good one and an interesting game should be seen.

SAMUEL TO RETURN TO MALAYA THIS MONTH

Surprise Decision Of Badminton Champion

"I am sorry to tell you that I have decided to return to Malaya next month. I find it impossible to play on account of the cold. It is 48 degrees in my room, while outside it is worse."

A. S. Samuel, Malayan badminton champion, writes the above in a letter from London to a friend in Malaya. Recently it was stated that Samuel had been so sick on the voyage home that he felt it would take him at least six weeks to recover.

The whole tone of Samuel's letter indicates that he is unhappy under conditions in England, and at the time of writing—at the end of last month—he had played only one game of badminton. The match was against Yoong at Cambridge and the Malayan champion won 6-15, 15-12, 15-8.

CONDITIONS DIFFERENT

Writing about the game he said: "Conditions are so different over here. It was so cold that I suffered more than I enjoyed the game." My feet were paralysed with cold and I could not run very much.

Samuel has entered for the Welsh championships in the singles, the mixed and the men's doubles. He is convinced that it will be his only tournament in England.

With a view to inducing him to remain in England his friends in Kuala Lumpur have sent him the following cable: "Letter received. Contents surprising, insist remain another month."

Middlesex Success In Rugger Tie

London, Dec. 14. Middlesex scored an important victory in the County Rugby Championship to-day, beating Sussex at Boxhill by 27 points to 11.—*Reuter*.

PASSIVE CAPTAIN IS OF NO USE

UMPIRES FAIL TO TURN UP

A couple of teams participating in the H.K.H.A. Tournament have made complaints of the non-appearance of umpires who have been detailed to officiate at a game.

It is extremely annoying for any team to find itself in such a predicament, and I think the least an umpire could do is to phone the Secretary of the Umpires Hockey Board if he is unable to officiate so that a substitute could be found in time.

It is the first occasion the Association has undertaken to run such a tournament, and mishaps of such a nature are not entirely unexpected. But teams, I think, would do well to have an umpire of their own ready.

The Umpires Board will, I am sure, look into the matter if complaints are made in writing to the Secretary of the Board.



Miss Remedios, the Recreio Ladies' right wing, is playing very well at the moment.

HERE AND THERE WITH "PILGRIM"

BRILLIANT goal-keeping by young Ribeiro was the outstanding feature of the Recreio victory over the R.A.F. last Sunday. I can see this youngster having an important trial this season.

THE inclusion of J. Fonseca, from Shanghai, at inside-right made a great difference to the Recreio team, especially in the attack. The forwards were so impressive that a goal seemed inevitable, and quite rightly Fonseca scored.

THOUGH their own goal was often subjected to great pressure, the R.A.F. might have equalised and quite possibly have won had it not been for the splendid tackling of W. A. Reed, R. Marques and T. Alves, the Recreio halves. The full-backs, Rodrigues and J. Goncalves, were excellent and cleared their ranks well. It was a great game and play went on without a dull moment.

R.A.F. showed second-half superiority, but their forwards were guilty of several misses. Had Woods, Bartlett and Medd been more cautious in front of goal, and brought the all-important flick shot into play, they would probably have won the match.

THE wing-halves, Miller and Kennedy fought with determination and the latter, considering his age, held out wonderfully well. Dawson was not quite at home and the bumpy surface spoiled his manoeuvring. Smeaton, at left back, was again prominent with his powerful clearances. The aviators' defence, in general, left nothing to be desired, but the attack lacked a sharp-shooting forward.

IT was a convincing win the "Y" Ladies scored at King's Park last Saturday when they defeated C.B.A. by 6-1. With only 10 players, the Champions thoroughly deserved their win. The forwards played well together and received good support from the halves. In the absence of

Miss A. Fowler, Mrs. Burke played the one-back game to perfection. One little bit of advice to Miss M. McCaw, the centre-half; she will be ruining her game if she continues to support her stick with her foot. She seems to be over-doing it of late and will soon be pulled up for obstruction unless she remedies this fault.

AND what was wrong with the C.B.A. Ladies? To me, the team was obviously suffering from lack of practice. The backs, Miss Everest and Miss Whitley, hung too far back and were shaky in their clearances. Miss L. Woolley, the pivot, was hard-working but her defence at times fell to pieces, and could not master the fast-moving "Y" forwards. Mrs. White, as leader, played a lone game and had her efforts been supplemented by more effective work among the forwards, a closer result would certainly have been obtained. After their promising start, I hope the C.B.A. have not fallen away.

AFTER a good struggle in their Bravon Cup fixture last Saturday, Recreio "A" defeated C.B.A. by 2-0. Miss C. Silva, at centre-forward, was a big menace in the Recreio raids and Miss Remedios, on the right wing, did some dazzling work. I was glad to see the display given by Miss Osmund at right-half; she is only a junior player and deserves her position in the team. The more experienced Miss Botelho, at left back, was a pillar of strength. As a team, the Portuguese girls played together well. If they happen to win their remaining fixtures, the Bravon Cup will be theirs.

THE C.B.A. Ladies started well but their forwards could make no impression, and many promising attacks were held up by bad combination. Nevertheless, the defence was served by three great defenders, Miss Bone, Miss Black and Miss Dunn. It was anything but a classic display, but there was at least honest endeavour.

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THREE-DECKER HEEL: Like walking on a triple carpet. Sometimes the three decks are extended to the soles as well. Often they are tri-coloured. The thick cushiony layers take off the shock that heel-first walking gives to the spine.

CAMISOLE SHOE: Light and feminine to wear with your afternoon clothes. The elastic insets give a snug fit and prevent holes in your stockings.

ELASTIC SUEDE PUMP: Fits like your stocking and is almost as light. Once stretched on and you will forget you are wearing it. Still an expensive sort of shoe, though.

DUTCH-BOY HEEL: Clogged heel is hollowed out as in a sabot. Sometimes the sole turns up in front to match. Sensible for heavy weather and good for your carriage. Heel is high enough to be smart and broad enough to take your centre of gravity.



New Curtains

WHEN you decide to tackle the job of making new curtains it would be ridiculous to over-estimate difficulties as far as cutting and stitching is concerned. Still, if your new window-dressing is to prove a complete success, there are quite a few points that you should consider before even buying the material.

First of all, decide on the length of curtain you need. This depends on the particular type of window. If it is a casement, the hangings look best when cut to fall about three inches below the sill, unless the window is in an embrasure, and then, for convenience sake, the curtains must just clear the sill.

French windows require hangings to reach the floor, and full-length curtains will best suit sash-windows, too, if the room is low. Small windows can be made to look larger by hanging the curtains a little above and beyond the sides of their wooden frames.

White or Cream

In the opinion of any expert window-dresser, curtains should be uniform in colour, and preferably white, or perhaps cream, if you want your house to look its biggest and the windows their freshest. It is easy to prove the soundness of this theory by walking down any street and viewing the house fronts critically in point of curtains.

Supposing, however, that you have a room at the back which has an ugly outlook, break this rule of colour uniformity in curtains, and

indulge your fancy for pink, gold, silver, or flower-patterned net. A slight shrinkage at the first washing is almost inevitable, and, for that reason, you should be generous with your allowances for length and width. Allow fully five inches for the lower hems, and, at least, two inches for the top headings.

Skimpy window hangings have little charm, so allow a width of curtain one and three quarters that of the window itself, with four extra inches for the side hems. A pretty finish for little net curtains is a heading outside that allowed for rod or wire runner.

Value of a Pelmet

"Is a pelmet necessary?" is a question sometimes asked by novices in curtain-making. "Not necessary," is the reply, "but very desirable as a decorative finish to the curtains and window." A pelmet should be stiffened with canvas and lined, and cut with a shaped lower edge. With patterned curtains it looks well cut in plain fabric. A gathered frill is a simpler finish and more suitable with thinish curtains.

One very good reason for lining your long window-hangings is that the linings can be all the same colour, even if the curtains themselves are different, and it is the linings that look on the street. A second very practical advantage of the lining is that it takes most of the wear and catches most of the dirt and is, therefore, very saving to the curtains themselves.

H. W. S.



Snow Scene Cake

HIGH spot of the festive tea-party is the hand-somely iced cake. Decorating this is one of the most fascinating of your Christmas cookery jobs.

There are several points to remember for successful icing.

Buy best quality icing sugar, and sieve it several times before using it, and then use it immediately.

When using icing for piping, keep the sides of the basin free from sugar. And keep the top of the basin covered with muslin wrung out in very cold water, this prevents the icing hardening.

To thicken it, add more sieved sugar; if you need to thin it, add a little white of egg.

Long beating is essential to obtain smooth icing.

If adding colouring, keep to pastel shades, they are so much more suitable for cakes.

If the cake is slightly raised in the centre, cut a thin slice off. Brush the top and sides of the cake with white of egg, to make the almond paste adhere.

Almond Paste

Most people like to find a layer of this under the white icing.

Ingredients: 1lb. ground almonds, 1lb. sieved icing sugar, 1lb. caster sugar, the yolks of two large eggs, a few drops of lemon juice, two teaspoonsful of brandy.

Knead the ingredients well together, then roll out a round to fit the top of the cake.

Turn the cake upside down and cover the sides, keeping a good edge round the top of the cake itself.

Next, put it on an icing stand, or on an inverted cake tin a size smaller than the cake. Cover with a piece of muslin and keep in a warm place for several days.

This makes the almond paste firm and prevents the oil from the almonds penetrating into the Royal icing.

Many people complain that their icing becomes discoloured; this is because the icing is put on too soon.

Royal Icing

Popular covering for the cake.

Ingredients: 2lb. sieved icing sugar, 1 teaspoonful acetic acid, the whites of four eggs, three teaspoonsful of lemon juice.

Put the whites of the eggs into a basin, add the icing sugar (sieved several times), gradually, and work well with a wooden spoon.

When the icing presents a very smooth and white appearance, add the lemon juice and acid and blend together thoroughly.

Place the cake on the icing table. Use a palette knife and spread icing over the top and sides. Smooth very

Grizzly bears, fir trees and a blue lake on a snow landscape.

By Mrs. BARDELL



carefully with the knife across top and round sides until a flat, smooth finish is obtained.

Dip the knife frequently in hot water while doing this. Allow the icing to harden for two days.

Decoration Ideas

To decorate, place the cake on a cakeboard and pipe a border round the base of the cake. A forcing bag is required for this. Repeat the border on top edge.

If you have not a forcing bag, you can make one with strong, pliable parchment paper. Cut a 9-inch square, then cut it across diagonally to make two triangles. Shape a triangle into a cone like old-fashioned sweet bags.

Cut off a very small piece at the bottom of the paper cone and carefully fit in a tube.

A "leaf" tube is very effective for the edges of the top of the cake. These are obtainable at most confectioners or pastrycooks. They cost from 6d. to 1s.

Put the icing into the bag or cone, not filling it quite full.

Turn the top over so that icing does not ooze out at the top. The leaf can be forced on to the cake, or the leaves can be forced on parchment paper, left to dry, then arranged round the cake afterwards.

The top of the cake can be decorated in many ways. On the cake photographed here, the lake was made by spreading on some rather thinner icing—coloured blue, with cooking colouring. A snow effect is obtained

by spreading icing and raising it in peaks with a knife.

Any figures or animals should be placed on before the icing has set.

A needlework transfer makes another unusual decoration. It can be a spray of flowers, or the old-fashioned lady with a large hat and a basket of country flowers.

Place the transfer on the cake, and prick the outline with a needle, remove the paper and ice the outline with a writing tube.

The decorating of the sides of the cake is more difficult than the top, if you are not experienced with decorations. A piece of pastel-shaded satin ribbon tied round the cake with an artistic bow looks attractive.

Iced Fairy Cakes

These always appeal to the children. The icing must not be sticky. Here is one most suitable for little cakes in paper cases.

Ingredients: 1lb. best quality icing sugar, 1 white of egg, 2 drops of acetic acid to whiten the icing.

Sieve the icing sugar twice, make a well in the centre, and stir in the beaten egg white and the two drops of acetic acid. Beat until very smooth, place a little on the top of each small cake and spread with a knife dipped in hot water.

When nearly set, decorate with "hundreds and thousands," a glacé cherry, or a little desiccated coconut. You could also use chocolate icing, decorated with a blanched split almond and angelica.

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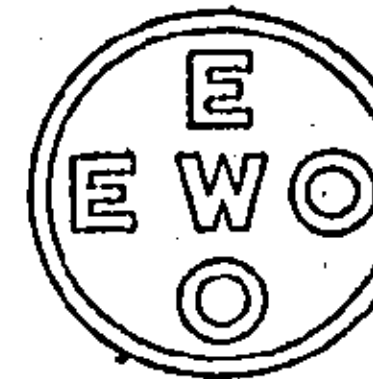
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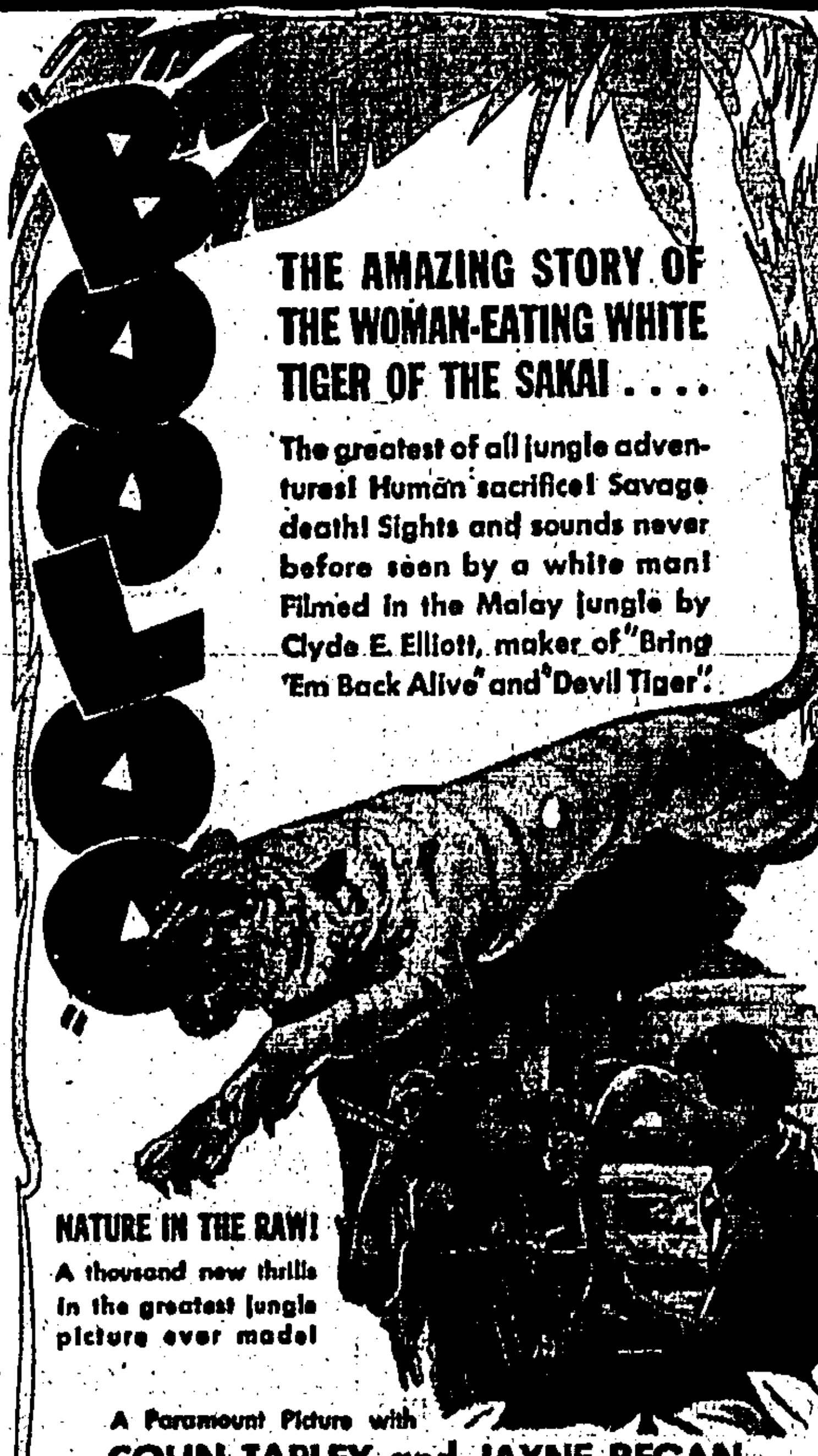
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One Fatality And Many People Injured

In the Colony of Hongkong, including the Island, Kowloon and the New Territories, during the week ending last Saturday morning, there were altogether 74 traffic accidents, as the result of which one person was killed and 38 persons were injured.

The person killed, a tramway carshed coolie, was seriously injured when crushed between a tramcar and the end of an inspection pit in the Tramway Garage on October 28. He died in hospital on December 7.

Of the persons injured, 24 were pedestrians, who were either walking or running across the road and were struck by vehicles. A bicycle rider, a motor cyclist and a pillion rider were injured as the result of collision between vehicles. A taxi driver and a passenger were injured as the result of collision with a verandah pillar.

A Chinese male and a lorry passenger were injured on falling from a tramcar and a lorry, respectively, while in motion.

A Chinese female was injured while attempting to board a moving bus. Four tram passengers and two bus passengers were injured while alighting from moving tramcars and moving buses, respectively.

Of the 74 accidents, 34 were collisions between vehicles; 27 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; and 13 accidents were due to other causes. The vehicles involved were: private motor cars 24, motor lorries 27, motor buses 14, motor omnibuses one, motor cycles 4, public motor cars 13, tramcars 12, bicycles 6, tricycles 2, and rickshaws 5.

LORRY DRIVER CHARGED

Originally charged with dangerous driving, Tso Kam, 28, lorry driver, appeared before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy yesterday on an amended charge of careless driving.

Hearing of the case was fixed for December 28, and defendant was allowed bail of \$100.

CHINESE MORALE

Given Tribute by U.S. Marine Officer

Honolulu, Dec. 14. Captain Evans Carlson, of the United States Marine Corps, retired, ex-attaché of the American Legation Guard, Hankow, Nanking and Chungking, arrived here aboard the U.S.S. Chaumont to-day. He recently travelled on foot and horseback behind the Japanese lines.

The spirit of nationalism was spreading in the interior, bringing new stiffened Chinese morale and new courage, he said. The only discouragement was in the coastal cities.

"Chiang Kai-shek has not lost face at the fall of Hankow and is still regarded as the symbol of Chinese unity," he continued. "The guerilla attacks are an increasingly important factor in Chinese strategy. The spread of nationalism from the northern provinces is largely attributed to the work of Chinese Communists, as a result of a decade of experience in organising and propaganda work."—United Press.

'Varsity Man Weds

Dr. Ong Ewe-hin Marries Miss K. W. Tang

An interesting Chinese wedding took place at the Registry before Mr. T. J. Gould, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, yesterday, when Miss Tang Kuen-wah became the bride of Dr. Ong Ewe-hin.

THE bridegroom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ong Huck-eng, of Penang. His family has been associated with the Hongkong University since it was founded. He came to Hongkong in 1930 and at the second degree examination was awarded the Ho Fook and Chan Kaiming scholarship for anatomy, and physiology, including pharmacology. He has been chairman of the Medical Society, athletic, badminton, and hockey clubs of the University Union and was elected President of the Union in 1935. After graduation he did postgraduate work with Prof. W. I. Gerrard and C. W. C. Nixon, being attached to the medical, obstetric and gynaecological units of the medical faculty. Later he became house physician at the Queen Mary Hospital. He is at present on the staff of the medical faculty.

The bride graduated from St. Paul's College and was admitted to the University in 1936, where she took up arts.

The bridesmaids, in lovely picture frocks of pink and blue tulle, were Misses Lillian Leong, Wal-leng and Tang Yu-fan.

Dr. Ooi Kee-wan undertook the duties of best man, and the witnesses of the ceremony were Prof. C. A. Middleton-Smith, of the University, and Mr. Tang Man-ku.

A reception was held in the grill room of the Hongkong Hotel, more than 300 guests attending. Mr. D. J. Sless, Vice-Chancellor of the University, proposed the toast.

OTHER WEDDINGS

Three other Chinese weddings took place yesterday before Mr. Gould.

Mr. Ip Sai-siong, merchant, married Miss Siu Chan-yu, mid-wife, of Jaffe Road. Witnesses were Messrs. Ip Yut-chow and Chu Sing-yu.

Mr. Ho Tak-on, secretary of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, married Miss Koo Po-ching, teacher, of Cheung Sh Wan Road, Shamshuipo. Witnesses were Messrs. Wong Chai-fai and Ho Tak-ming.

Mr. Tse Kai-tung, chief accountant of the Homunlin Land Insurance Co. Ltd., married Miss Chan Mo-dien, of Gramplan Road, Kowloon. Witnesses were Messrs. Tse Kai-lun and Chun Lam-kwan.

REGISTRY CEREMONY

The wedding took place yesterday before Mr. T. J. Gould, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, between Mr. Tse Kai-tung, L.L.B. and Miss Alice Chan. The bride is the elder daughter of Mr. Chan Lam-kwan, a well-known local merchant. The bridegroom is the younger brother of Mr. Tse Kai-tung, a prominent business man of Canton.

At 3.30 p.m. a reception was held at the Hongkong Hotel, at which many well-known personages were present to wish the young couple happiness.

DRUG IN TINS

Men Alleged To Be Trying To Dump Opium

Acting on information, Revenue Officer P. Fowler boarded a launch and proceeded to the western entrance to the harbour, off Kennedy Town, at 1.30 a.m. on December 9, where he saw an unlighted sampan.

On approaching, he saw several men dumping something overboard. On boarding the boat, he found six men, and a rope to which were attached four tins, that were subsequently found to contain opium.

The six men appeared before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy yesterday charged with possession of 1,120 tins of opium and with doing an act preparatory to exporting 220 tins and 900 tins of opium. The defendants were Chan Cheuk, Tsoi Chung, Foo Gun, Chan Yau, Lau Sing and Ip Siu-wing.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for the last five defendants, while Mr. W. M. Thomson, Assistant Superintendent of the Imports and Exports Office, prosecuted, assisted by Revenue Officer J. L. Stephens. Revenue Officer Fowler gave evidence, and the second and third charges were dismissed, his Worship saying that there was no evidence to support them.

The hearing of the first charge was adjourned to this afternoon.

ALUMNI DINNER

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology Alumni in Hongkong will hold their fifth monthly dinner this evening at 7 o'clock at the Chinese Merchants' Club, China Building. It is understood that there are about 30 "Tech" men now in Hongkong. The first dinner of this kind was held on August 4, on the occasion of the departure for Europe of Dr. T. P. Hsu, Chief Engineer and Works Manager of the Yungli Chemical Industrial Ltd. The hosts of the dinner to-night will be Messrs. H. Y. Tu, I. S. Wan and P. T. Ip. All past and present members are cordially invited to attend.

LATE NEWS

AIRCRAFT STRIKE IN GLOUCESTER

London, Dec. 14.

Over 1,000 men are affected by a strike at an aircraft company's works at Brocksbottom, Gloucester to-day. The strike is stated to be unofficial.

It is understood the trouble arose in connection with the dismissal of a worker in consequence of an alleged breach of works regulations. The shop's stewards made efforts to obtain the man's reinstatement, but were unsuccessful.—Reuter.

BRITISH FINANCIAL AID FOR CHINA

LONDON, Dec. 15.

The British Government is considering the possibility of granting financial aid to China in order to counteract the Japanese economic drive.

This information was published in the Financial Times this morning on the authority of its Lobby Correspondent, who adds that the British move is contemplated as an answer to Japan's abrogation of the Open Door policy and Nine-Power Treaty.—Reuter.

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Premises Which Had Been Use' as Brothel

Messrs. M. H. Turner and H. J. Armstrong, of Deacons, were summoned before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of unlawfully permitting premises at No. 2 Swatow Lane, first floor, to be used as a brothel, within three months after a notice had been served upon them of the fact that the occupier of the said premises had been convicted of keeping a brothel there.

Mr. W. A. Mackinlay, also of Deacons, appeared for the defence.

He said he was trustee of the premises, and pleaded not guilty. He asked that a date be fixed for hearing of the case.

The Crown was represented by Mr. J. B. Prentis, Assistant Crown Solicitor, who appeared on behalf of Inspector E. G. Post, of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, who had taken out the summons.

The case will be heard at 2.30 p.m. on December 29.

The summons was the outcome of a recent prosecution by the police, when a woman was arrested and sentenced for keeping the flat as a brothel. At the time, Mr. Forrest remarked that action should be taken against the owners of the property, who should know what was going on in the premises they let out to their tenants.

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HOLOCAUST in a provincial capital. This dramatic photograph was taken in Kweilin, capital of Kwangsi province, during an air raid on December 6. Enormous damage was done in a series of Japanese raids during the first week of December, the toll running into many hundreds of non-combatant lives and millions of dollars worth of damage.

FOOD, WATER SUPPLIES ARE REFUSED

SHANGHAI, Dec. 14.
A SERIOUS SITUATION has arisen in Hankow as the result of a dispute between the Japanese and French authorities there.
The dispute has culminated in the stoppage by the Japanese of all food supplies from reaching the French Concession.
In addition, the water supply to the Concession has been cut off by the Japanese.
These measures have been taken by the Japanese in retaliation for the refusal of the responsible French authorities in the Concession to hand over to the Japanese certain anti-Japanese elements which have sought asylum there.
The situation is described as serious, especially as the French Concession is crisscrossed full of Chinese refugees.
The French authorities have reported to Paris on the situation and have asked for instructions.—*Trans-Ocean.*

SUPPLIES RUN LOW
A "Reuters" message adds that the French refusal to hand over anti-Japanese elements among the refugees in the French Concession has caused increased retaliation by the Japanese.
Supplies in the Concession, which is only half a mile square and is teeming with refugees, are running low, and only a limited supply of water can be obtained by pumping from wells and the river. The available water supply is insufficient to meet sanitation needs, and the Japanese measures are consequently causing the most pressing problem.

Japanese Forces Now On Defence Basis

CHUNGKING, Dec. 15.
"HAVING FAILED in their southward push towards Changsha, and their westward drive on Hsiangyang, the Japanese forces at present are on the defensive in Central China," declared the Chinese military spokesman yesterday, in reviewing the week's military developments.
In North China, the spokesman declared, the attention of the Japanese seemed still to be focused on China's communications with Russia, though so far no action had been taken.
In South China the main Japanese forces were massed on the West River front, where they were making every effort to push into Kwangsi, but "Chinese resistance is so strong that no progress has been made."
Discussing actual engagements, the spokesman said that the front near Yochow on the Hunan-Hupeh border had been quiet since December 9, when a Japanese attack along the Hainan River, 45 kilometres to the south of Yochow had been repulsed.
The Japanese forces at Tungcheng, the spokesman went on, had been increased, and it was possible they intended to attack in the direction of Pingliang.
In northern Hupeh, Chiao-shih, 25 kilometres to the west of Yingchen and Cheho had been recaptured, rendering the Chinese position more secure in that sector.
In North Kiangsi the Chinese line along the Sul River to the north of Nanchang had remained unchanged, the spokesman claimed.
In South China the Japanese forces around the West River had been further increased, particularly to the south-east of Shaoshing.
Severe fighting was proceeding at Kaoming, 30 kilometres to the south-west of Shaoshing, and also at Hoshan, 30 kilometres in the same direction.
Sensui, 10 kilometres to the south-west of Kungmeng was also the scene pitched fighting.—*Reuters.*

20 YEARS IN PRISON

PARIS, Dec. 14.
TWENTY YEARS hard labour was the sentence passed today on Madame Skoblin, accused of taking part in a kidnapping plot.
The proceedings lasted altogether nine days.
The jury considered that sufficient proof had been advanced to show that Madame Skoblin had been engaged in espionage work for Soviet Russia.
This verdict ended one of the most sensational political trials France has ever seen.
In Paris juridical circles it is declared that in France a year ago such a heavy sentence would not have been thought possible.
One of the sensations of the case was the refusal of the former French Home Minister, M. Marx Dormoy, to give evidence.
In arriving at their verdict, the jury had several very difficult juridical questions to settle. For example, whether General von Miller had been held prisoner, whether Madame Skoblin had assisted in this, whether force had been used against General Miller, whether the Russian General had been enticed into a trap, and whether accused had been implicated in the offence.
The measure of punishment depended on the jury's decision on this question.
The lightest punishment could have been six days' imprisonment, while the maximum was hard labour for life. The jury decided not to impose the maximum, but at the same time administered a sentence of great severity.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Sensational Paris Trial of Woman

"Mr. Brayfield wrote back that he could not accept this statement as affording substantial proof. His argument was that there were nine or ten other ponies in these stables and the amount of feed for each could be measured. It had since come to light that the feed was measured separately but no records were kept."
"The Stewards had been kept informed of the progress of events and eventually, when Mr. Brayfield was still not satisfied, one Steward to whom the matter had been circulated wrote that he saw no reason why the account should not be paid."
"SHOULD NOT WORRY US"
"Mr. Brayfield should not worry us in this stupid manner. If he does not pay, he should be turned out of the Club."
"Mr. Brayfield was told that if he did not agree with the account, he must move his ponies from the premises and, in a following letter he was told that his name had been posted under Article 70 of the Club's Articles."
"Having been treated in this way, Mr. Brayfield consulted Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, who wrote to the defendants pointing out that it was abundantly clear from the correspondence that Mr. Brayfield was not unable to pay the account but was disputing it, and therefore the Club had no right to post his name up under Article 70, as it only referred to undisputed claims."
APOLOGY REQUESTED
"The letter also asked for an apology within one week, posted not only in the Clubhouse but also to be published in the Press."
"At that time Mr. Brayfield was not making any claim for damages, as he was not out to make money, but asked that his legal expenses, which were then extremely small, be paid."
"On behalf of the defendants, Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master sent a reply in which they said that the Stewards went into the matter and had satisfied themselves that (Continued on Page 4.)

Taipan's Name Posted at Jockey Club: Libel Claim

ALLEGING THAT an attack had been made on his reputation through the alleged posting of his name at the Hongkong Jockey Club in Happy Valley, Mr. T. H. Brayfield, well-known local Taipans, Carmichael and Clarke, marine surveyors, instituted a claim for unstipulated damages for alleged libel in the Supreme Court this morning.

The court was crowded by European spectators, who included many prominent taipans and a large number of ladies.

A special Jury was empanelled. It comprised Messrs. J. Fleming, (foreman) R. M. McLean, C. Champkin, T. B. Wilson, Lo Yuk-tong, E. H. Geare and L. Dunbar.

Two King's Counsellors, Mr. Eldon Potter and Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Messrs. Johnston, Stokes and Master, appeared for the Jockey Club. Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, represented Mr. Brayfield.

When the Jury was called, Mr. S. T. Butlin was allowed to stand down when it was pointed out by Mr. Eldon Potter that he was an official of the Club. The name of Mr. V. Sorby was also called, but without result.

Opening the case for the plaintiff, Mr. Macnamara said the action was one of libel—an attack had been made on Mr. Brayfield's reputation. Mr. Brayfield was a man who had been in the Colony for a great number of years; he was principal of the firm of Carmichael and Clarke, marine surveyors, and from a social point of view, he was a Justice of the Peace and a keen racing man. Not only did he keep ponies for racing at the Jockey Club but he also had a private stable and was an expert on horse breeding.

"The plaintiff in this case was posted at the Jockey Club as a defaulter," said Mr. Macnamara. "Being classed as a defaulter is a serious aspersion on the honour of a person. It means that one would not pay up one's bill."

"It is not suggested in this case that Mr. Brayfield could not pay, since the account in question was between \$120 and \$140 of which he paid all but the \$9.10 which is the subject of dispute."

"His Lordship will direct you on the question of privilege whether the posting of Mr. Brayfield was a privileged action or not; then we shall have to consider the extent of the malice and we can still succeed if we can show malice in the publication."

"We do not have to show that the defendants were actually spiteful but that they made the publication about the plaintiff when it was not justified—and as you will see, they had all the facts of the case."

"They know that he disputed the facts and yet, with their eyes open, they put his name on the board as a defaulter."

"The correspondence between the parties set out these facts."

"On March 10, Mr. Brayfield wrote to the Jockey Club to the effect that he had received his bill for the previous month and found that it contained \$9.10 for excess fodder, which he declined to pay until he had received substantial proof that such excess fodder had been consumed."

"IN FULL SETTLEMENT"
"He accordingly enclosed his cheque in full settlement," having deducted the \$9.10 from the bill."

"In his letter Mr. Brayfield had made a mistake in referring to one pony only whereas he had two, and he also wrote 121 lbs of fodder when he meant 91 lbs but with these mistakes rectified the position was that his two ponies were stated to have consumed 1 1/2 lbs excess fodder each per day at 10 cents per lb, and Mr. Brayfield had reason to believe that his ponies had not actually received all this fodder."

"Several letters passed between the parties, the Jockey Club stating that the amount of fodder each pony should receive was entirely a matter between the owner and trainer—with which I agree. However, the Jockey Club went on to say that the trainer had said that each pony consumed 1 1/2 lbs. excess fodder each per month."

"It is remarkable that each animal should have so exactly shared the excess complained of."

Britain To Act FINANCIAL AID FOR CHINA SAID NEAR

LONDON, Dec. 15.
The British Government is considering the possibility of granting financial aid to China in order to counteract the Japanese economic drive.
This information was published in the Financial Times this morning on the authority of its Lobby Correspondent, who adds that the British move is contemplated as an answer to Japan's abrogation of the Open Door policy and Nine-Power Treaty.—*Reuters.*

ITALY INCREASES ARMAMENTS COST TO NEW RECORD

ROME, Dec. 14.
MUSSOLINI HAS DECIDED to spend an additional £30,000,000 in armaments during 1939-1940.
Approval for an increase in the votes for the Army, Navy and Air Force was announced to-day.
This, it is disclosed, represents only the first part in the programme for intensifying Italian armaments.

It is revealed that Mussolini contemplates a total extraordinary expenditure of £120,000,000—an all time record.

The announcement has caused rejoicing in Italian newspapers. "Italy intends to be armed in readiness for all eventualities," boasts "Tribuna," and the "Lavora Fascista" stresses the fact that the Fascist regime has raised the nation's military might to an hitherto unattainable level.—*Trans-Ocean.*

JAPAN'S NAVY COSTS UP £18,336,000

Japan's naval estimates for the 1933-40 fiscal year were also announced to-day, states a "Daimi" message.
The extraordinary budget arising out of the Sino-Japanese war calls for an expenditure of £18,336,000, which exceeds the ordinary expenditure by £3,900,000. Total expenditure is estimated at £24,000,000.

BRITAIN CALLS FOR MEN

LONDON, Dec. 14.
The Duke of Devonshire, Under-Secretary for the Dominions, in addressing the Victoria League said: "We are all busy about re-armament, but battleships, tanks, guns and rifles are no good unless you have men."

He said that the Empire is a very powerful factor in world affairs to-day which is always working on the side of peace, justice and truth, "but I would ask you to think what the Empire might mean to world affairs if Canada has a population of 40,000,000, Australia 30,000,000 and the Union of South Africa between 20,000,000 and 30,000,000."—*Reuters Special.*

U.S. Builds Battleships

Washington, Dec. 14.
At least one, and perhaps both of the two battleships which are to lead the new naval construction programme of 22 ships will have a displacement of 45,000 tons, according to Navy Department circles as revealed by the "New York Herald Tribune."

The programme is to be presented to Congress next session.—*Reuters Special.*

Scorpion Departs For Shanghai

H.M.S. Scorpion left Hongkong this morning for Shanghai, having successfully completed her trials here after a stay of three weeks.

The Scorpion will be the flagship of the Yangtze Flotilla taking over from H.M.S. Bee which will be dismantled in Shanghai and sold as scrap.

Italian Air Route To South America

Rome, Dec. 14.
The President of the Italian Airways Company has informed Signor Mussolini that the company will shortly open a regular air service between Italy and South America.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Suez Canal: New Basis Urged By Newspapers

LONDON, Dec. 14.
THERE IS A STRONG case that the Suez Canal, like other international waterways, should be put under proper international control, states the "Manchester Guardian" leader, which adds:

"It is to be hoped that in better days this will be done, but there seems to be no good reason beyond a general appeasement to grant Italy

LATEST

Dramatic Air Dash With Sick Passenger

With her throttle wide open, an Air France plane is hurtling towards Kai Tak Airport at full speed.

The machine left Hanoi this morning, en route to Hongkong, with two passengers aboard.

Shortly before noon a dramatic radio call for assistance was flashed to the Hongkong airport from the speeding plane.

The message stated that one of the passengers had suddenly been taken seriously ill.

Airport officials were requested to arrange for an ambulance to be in attendance, in order to take the passenger to hospital as soon as the machine landed at Kai Tak.

The passenger is believed to have boarded the machine at Hanoi. The plane is due to land at 12.30 p.m.

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(or for that matter Germany and Japan) a share in the present management.

"None of these Powers believes in international control, or the cares and interests of other countries, and if Britain and France have little right to a monopoly control, Italy has less."

"This is another case where to give something for nothing would be mere folly."

The paper declares that Italy has rather a stronger case for demanding revision of the present dues which are still high.

MOTHER KILLED AFTER TWINS' 21st PARTY

HER CYCLE HIT A STONE

For weeks Mrs. Agnes Grimes, of Narborough, Norfolk, busied herself with preparations for the 21st birthday party of her twin sons.

Although the party was being held at West Newton, 12 miles from her home, she cycled there and back several times to supervise the catering.

The great day arrived and when it came to toast at the end of dinner there were tears of pride in Mrs. Grimes's eyes, as she proposed the health of her sons.

"It is the greatest day of my life," she said.

MIDNIGHT

At midnight the party broke up and Mrs. Grimes and her husband set out to cycle back to Narborough.

Half-way home her cycle hit a large stone in the road. Mrs. Grimes fell on her head.

As she lay dying on the grass verge by the side of the road, waiting for an ambulance, two cars went by.

In them were guests returning from the party that had been the "greatest day of her life."



New \$1,000,000 municipal gambling casino soon to be opened to the public at the Lido, Venice, Italy. It overlooks the Adriatic and houses nearly every known game of chance. Italians expect it to out rival the famed casino at Monte Carlo.

Car With Beds

PARIS.

Greater comfort and cars price to meet the purses of all classes are the main feature of the annual Paris Automobile Salon, which opened in the Grand Palais in the Champs Elysees.

There are no changes of design, no striking novelties, but the display as a whole maintains the high standard of construction and general efficiency for which French manufacturers are renowned.

An unusual exhibit is a convertible sleeping-car—a light four-seater.

Nutria Hunt in Sussex

London.

The discovery of the nutria, or coypu, a dangerous pest not unlike the muskrat, is worrying farmers in East Sussex. One of the animals recently attacked and nearly killed a dog. It was shot and sent to the Ministry of Agriculture. The Ministry reports, received at the week-end, probably bring about a united effort between farmers and landowners to exterminate this rodent in the district and to examine the bank of rivers and streams for their nests. The specimen sent to the Ministry of Agriculture was nearly a yard long, had webbed feet and weighed 16lb.

POSTMASTER PUTS THREE BANDITS TO FLIGHT

Three armed bandits who attempted to hold up a sub-postmaster in his office at London Road, Mitcham, recently, were put to flight by the postmaster.

Then men, using a car which had no number plates, drew up at the office shortly before closing time. A revolver was presented at the postmaster, Mr. R. A. Burchett, and money demanded.

Mr. Burchett refused and a blank cartridge was fired. The men then ran from the shop and drove off in the car—empty-handed.

The car, which had been taken from outside a house in the neighbourhood, was found abandoned a quarter of a mile away.

"OH, YES"

Mr. Burchett said that he was alone in his shop when the three men walked in.

"One of them pointed a revolver at me and said 'Stick 'em up. This is a hold-up.' I said 'Oh, yes,' and made a dive for the phone."

"The man fired, but it was a blank cartridge. Without taking anything the three men bolted and I dashed after them. They jumped into a car which was standing with engine running in the drive leading from the road to the post office. As the car moved off I flung a weight at it and struck the back panel."

Girl of 12 Publishes Book

This is the age of youth, but it will stagger some of the old men of 21 when they hear that "Susan and Sambo," a book of stories published recently was written by a girl of 12. She is Katharine Harrison-Wallace, and the story which gives the book its title is about a pony called Sambo, "who loved a mare called Susan. She was very beautiful, and always kept her mane in the latest fashion."

THE DUKE'S PRAISE

The Duke of Atholl has written a foreword to the book, in which he says:

"The following pages were written and illustrated by my 12-year-old god-daughter, Katharine Harrison-Wallace, without any extraneous aid."

"Her godfather hopes that, as her age increases, she may be able to live up to the high standard of morals she has so ably championed in these pages."

THE FIREMEN'S BEER

Beer is to be banished from the London Fire Brigade canteens at the end of January. After that date only soft drinks will be allowed. At present 15 stations out of 61 have canteens which supply alcohol, but some time ago the Fire Brigade committee decided to limit all the canteens except the one at headquarters to the sale of non-alcoholic refreshments. Now the Committee has ordered the sale of alcoholic liquors in canteens to be stopped not later than January 31.

Thief Loses in 52 Minutes

Birmingham, N. Y. Fifty-two minutes after reported stolen, police recovered Leo Lake's automobile and arrested the driver. The suspect pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 52 weeks in Onondaga county penitentiary.

EMPIRE NEWS

30 NEW BOMBERS FOR NEW ZEALAND

Auckland.

The Air Department is organising a large-scale expansion of the Air Force to coincide with the delivery of 30 long-range bombers to Wellington and other aircraft in 1939.

An additional 200 men are to be enrolled to staff the four main air bases. Reserves of personnel are also to be strengthened.

As announced last month, the new aircraft will be flown out to New Zealand by 30 men, who are to be trained in England.

AUSTRALIA

PHYSICAL FITNESS SCHEMES

Sydney.

State and Federal health authorities will meet in Canberra shortly to discuss schemes for the physical education of the nation. Unofficial surveys have shown that standards of physical fitness throughout Australia are surprisingly low.

Prof. Harvey Sutton, Director of the School of Public Health at Sydney University, estimates that half the man-power of military age in the Commonwealth is unfit for active service.

Victoria is the only State to have mass physical training. A similar scheme for New South Wales will come into operation in December. Growth of Leprosy—National action to combat leprosy is urged by the Queensland Minister for Health and Home Affairs, Mr. E. M. Hanlon, who states that its growth is challenging the existence of the white race in Northern Australia. Mr. Hanlon's statement follows a report by the Director-General of Health and Medical Services, Sir Raphael Cilento, that leprosy in Queensland is increasing among both coloured and white races.

SOUTH AFRICA

ITALIAN TEXTILE COMPETITION

Johannesburg.

Workers organised in the South African Textile Workers' Industrial Union are demanding increased protection for the industry, partly owing to strong Italian competition.

The union declares that 500 textile workers are unemployed and hundreds more are on short time, while heavy imports of Italian rugs are being permitted. These rugs are imported at the same cost as the yarn from which similar rugs are manufactured in South Africa.

Unemployment and short time are serious on the Rand, and even worse in Natal, adds the union.

CANADA

FIRST ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTERY

Montreal.

The active militia of Canada have now their first anti-aircraft battery. The battery will have a personnel of six officers and 90 other ranks, drawn from the Second Montreal Regt. At present the battery is at half-strength. It will be fully manned within the next 12 months.

All the personnel must first pass through the field and medium brigades of the militia before they can join the anti-aircraft arm.

With a survey company of 17 officers and 100 other ranks the battery will be stationed at Montreal. It will be commanded by Col. A. E. D. Tremblay, of the 2nd Montreal Regt.

CEYLON

£75 STAMP TO BE ISSUED

Colombo.

Ceylon is about to issue the stamp with the highest face value in the British Empire. It is for 1,000 rupees, about £75.

The stamp, which bears a recent portrait of the King, will be used mainly for revenue purposes, but would be available for postage if an insured package were consigned for such a large amount.

Bridge a "Gamble"—Mr. C. de Silva, a member of the State Council, is seeking means to prohibit or restrict the playing of bridge here, on the ground that it has ceased to be a game of skill and has become a gamble. He wishes to prohibit bridge parties in hotels and to limit the stakes at all other parties.

Guardsman Gets 42 Days For Absence

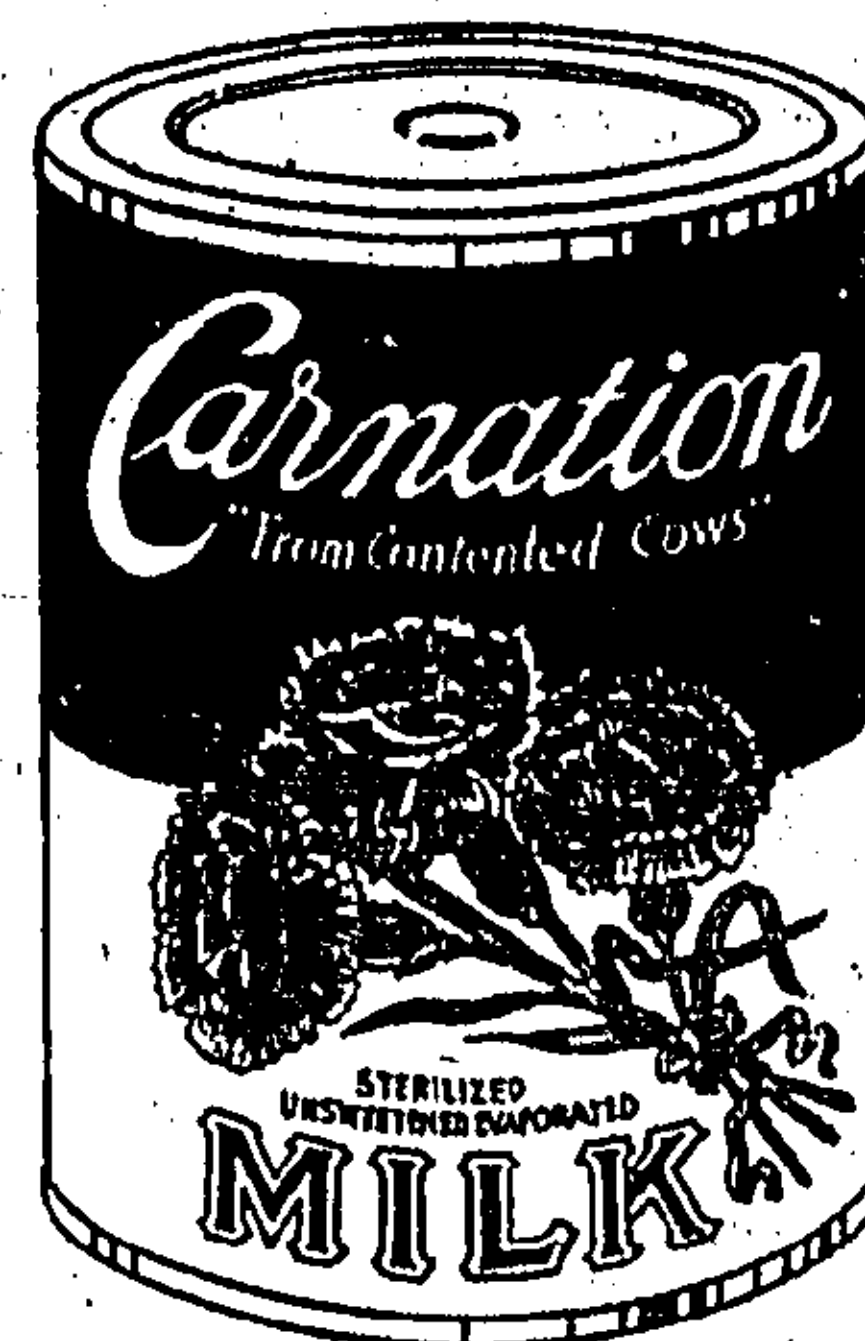
Because he stayed away from barracks, without leave—in order, he said, to protect his wife from being pestered by another man—Coldstream Guardsman George Edward Campbell has been sentenced to 42 days' detention by a Chelsea court-martial.

At his trial Campbell said he received a letter from his wife, went home, and found her very upset because a man had broken into her room—and threatened her with a razor.

Campbell stayed the night with her. At 1.30 a.m., he said, the man pushed a note through the letter-box, saying that unless Mrs. Campbell came away with him he would shoot Campbell. Campbell added that he wished to call the police, but his wife would not let him. She had seen the man's revolver.

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TOMORROW at the ALHAMBRA

Undergrads Ruined by Gambling Scandal

Starving to Pay Debts After Crooked Card Games

TOUTS TOUR COLLEGES

Cambridge, Cambridge University authorities are trying to stamp out a wave of gambling which is sweeping through the colleges, ruining undergraduates, and leading to many scandals.

Officials are watching gambling dens which have been set up in some of the residential districts of the town, where card-sharps are said to lure young men with money to play chemin-de-fer and poker.

Usually these clubs are in basements, away from the neighbourhood of the colleges, luxuriously furnished with Oriental drapings and other easily-movable articles.

These can be quickly transferred to a new house if suspicion arises.

Experienced croupiers have been brought over from Monte Carlo by the organisers. One of the men who runs these parties is known to have had a dozen convictions for running gambling houses in London.

He has touts among the undergraduates in many of the colleges, and through these touts other undergraduates are invited to visit this house—and lose their money.

STUDENTS WARNED

One result of the scandal is that students have been advised not to accept any invitations to card parties unless they are fully satisfied as to the bona fides of their host.

One man went straight to the master of his college when he found himself in trouble and confessed his folly.

The master interviewed the proprietor of the card club and compelled him to admit that the game had been crooked.

Many of the young men at the University are losing so much at these gambling dens that they are left with insufficient money to feed themselves properly, and are so worried that their studies are suffering.

Several have sold their motor-cars to meet gambling debts.

Marriage Secret, And Job, Lost

A young woman who has worked eight years for the London County Council as a domestic assistant is to lose her job in a year's time—because the Hospital Committee did not know she was married.

She was originally engaged as a temporary cleaner at Paddington, and a year later she was appointed a permanent domestic assistant.

It has now been discovered that, instead of being single, as the regulations required, she is married, and therefore ineligible for the post. Although she did not conceal her marriage, the fact was not made known to the Hospital's Committee when she was appointed.

The Committee recommends that "non-compliance with the Council's standing order be condoned," and that its operation be suspended "to enable the woman's services to be retained for another twelve months."

Apple a Day Pays at 90

WALKERTON, Ont. Mrs. Caroline Freidburger, who has just celebrated her 90th birthday here, attributed her remarkably good health and long life to "work, an apple a day, and three regular meals."



Japan recently sent a new ambassador to the Court of St. James's, in London. He is Mamoru Shigemitsu, shown at left, accompanied by Sir Sydney Clive, chief of the British diplomatic corps, he left the Japanese embassy in London to present his credentials to King George. He lost a leg while Minister to China, six years ago, in a bomb outrage.

Spouse "In Chicken Coop"

RICHMOND, Cal. John F. Voelz's alleged grounds for divorce were rather unusual. He complained to the court that his wife attended Communist meetings and that she made him sleep in the chicken coop. He also mentioned that she called him "a yellow dog."

Penniless Peers On Poor Law Relief

Members of the peerage and other titled persons are among many people, once high in the social scale, who have been receiving poor relief at Brighton in recent years.

They include sons of former Lord Mayors of London, Army officers, doctors and councillors who had themselves sat on the relief committee.

OBSERVERS AT A HOSPITAL TRAINING OF PSYCHO-ANALYSTS L.C.C. PERMISSION

The London County Council by a majority recently approved a decision to allow lay psychoanalysts to be present at the examination of patients at a mental hospital. Mr. E. G. Culpin, the Chairman, presided.

The Mental Hospitals Committee reported that they had decided to grant permission asked for by the director of research of the Institute of Psycho-Analysis for a small number of lay analysts in training at the Institute to observe the reactions of patients when they were being examined at the St. Bernard's Hospital. The medical staff of the hospital had expressed willingness to co-operate in the arrangement. The permission was to be granted for one year, after which the matter would be reviewed.

"OPEN TO QUESTION"

Mr. F. S. Henwood moved that the matter be deferred until the committee of the British Medical Association non-investigating the question of non-medical psycho-analysis had reported. He said the proposal to allow persons who had no medical training to be present when patients were being examined was open to question. They were dealing with persons who had been sent to a mental hospital under a magistrate's order. They were there at the mercy of the council and the council had special responsibilities to them. It might also be well to refer the question to their own medical officers as a body.

Mr. J. R. Oldfield said the Institute of Psycho-Analysis was a perfectly proper body in every way. The trainees were merely to be present as observers. The people observed would be so acutely deranged that they would be unconscious of the presence of the trainees. The council, as the public authority in London, had the only concentration of acute cases available. If the council did not assent, it was as good as saying that the trainees should have no experience at all. The medical superintendent of the hospital was favourable and both he and his committee had passed the sub-committee to let the laymen come in. The council would be wise to allow the medical superintendent to do what he wished. The patients would not be jeopardized.

KING OF RUMANIA'S GIFT A gift by the King of Rumania of £2500 for distribution among the poor of London was reported by the General Purposes Committee, which

MAN & CHILDREN FOUND GASSED

WIFE SENT AWAY BEFORE TRAGEDY SOLD TOOLS TO BUY TOYS

An unemployed carpenter who suffered from nervous trouble as a result of his war experience was found dead recently with two of his children in a gas-filled room at his home in an L.C.C. block of buildings in Dunfield-road, Catford, S.E.

The victims were Bernard Joseph O'Donnell, 43; his son Denis, 10, and his daughter Josephine, 6. The discovery was made when the police were informed by neighbours that they had not seen the man or the two children for some time.

A sister-in-law said that O'Donnell sold some of his tools on Saturday and had bought Denis a toy tank and Josephine a miniature tea-set.

He had been out of work since he injured a rib and he feared he would not obtain further employment until Easter. He also had difficulty in sleeping.

Mrs. Hilda O'Donnell, the dead man's wife, and her youngest child, John, aged two, were visiting her mother's home in Oxberry-street, Fulham, W., when the tragedy occurred.

She said: "My husband insisted that I and the baby should visit my mother over the week-end."

"I received a letter from him saying how much he loved me, but it also suggested that all was not well. I hurried home, but the police had already arrived."

"We had been married for 13 years. He had been through the war, and the experience had affected his nerves."

An inquest will be held.

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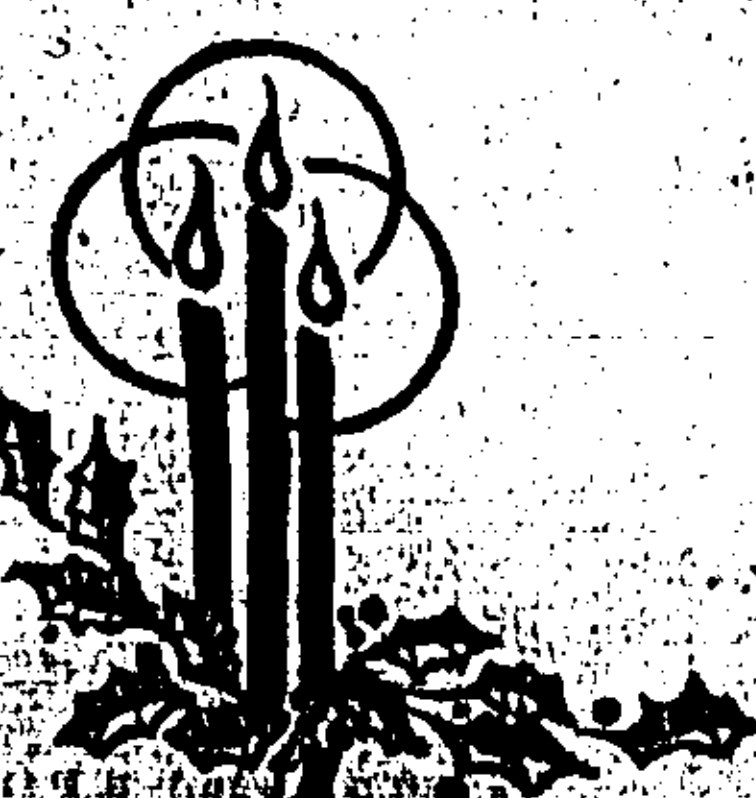
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LETTERS

Gifts for Chinese Bazaar

Sir,—The Hongkong Telegraph very kindly gave publicity to the scheme of sending a Chinese Bazaar to the China Campaign Committee of Great Britain, to raise money for the Chinese Red Cross Medical Relief Commission under the directorship of Dr. R. K. S. Lim.

should like to inform all those friends in Hongkong and in particular the Hongkong Chinese Women's Club, the National Women's Relief Association, the Hongkong Chinese Women's Students Relief Association, and St. Paul's Girls' School, who so generously collected for the Bazaar, that I received a cable yesterday from the China Campaign Committee stating: "The Bazaar raised £500 (about 5,000 dollars H.K.) please convey our most grateful thanks to all the helpers in Hongkong."

The publicity given to the Bazaar in London resulted in the China Aid Council of New York and Les Amis du Peuple Chinois in Paris asking for similar Bazaars. Again the Chinese Women's organisations with the Y.W.C.A. have responded beyond expectation—over 1,000 exquisite gifts have been collected. Priceless and rare oil candles, porcelain, gowns embroidered, scrolls and many rare pieces given by collectors, all these have been assembled at the Y.W.C.A., 28c Bonham Road, and will be on exhibition on December 17 and 18 from 10 a.m.

Any further contributions of Chinese gifts or donations for the Bazaar either in Paris or New York will be most welcome and should be sent direct to the Y.W.C.A. The President Line have generously agreed to transport the cases free of charge, and it is expected that the Messageries Maritimes will be equally generous. The cases will be sent to the Chinese Ambassadors, of France and the United States. HILDA SELWEN CLARKE, Hon. Secretary.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Dec. 14.		
New York Cotton		
Dec.	Opening	Closing
Jan. (1939)	8.23/22	8.43/42
Mar. (1939)	8.13/13	8.24/24
May (1939)	8.10/11	8.20/20
July (1939)	7.90/90	7.99/8.01
Oct. (1939)	7.01/01	7.70/71
Spot	7.31/30	7.39/39
New York Rubber		
Dec.	16.10/10	16.30/30
Mar. (1939)	16.10/10	16.21/22
May	16.10/11	16.10/10
Sept.	16.21/23	16.21/23
Oct.	16.21/23	16.21/23

Chicago Wheat		
Dec.	60 1/2/60 1/2	60 1/4/60 1/4
May	60 1/2/60 1/2	60 1/4/60 1/4
July	60 1/2/60 1/2	60 1/4/60 1/4
Tuesday's Sales—		
7,702,000 bushels.		
Chicago Corn		
Dec.	51 1/2/51 1/2	50 3/4/50 3/4
May	51 1/2/51 1/2	50 3/4/50 3/4
July	51 1/2/51 1/2	50 3/4/50 3/4

Winnipeg Wheat		
Dec.	61 1/2/61 1/2	61 1/4/61 1/4
May	61 1/2/61 1/2	61 1/4/61 1/4
July	61 1/2/61 1/2	61 1/4/61 1/4

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Soviet Official U.S. Spy Suspect

New York, Dec. 14. It was revealed to-day that Mikhail Gorin, manager of the Los Angeles office of the Intourist Agency, has been under arrest since Monday on charges of espionage.

M. Ivanushkin, the Soviet vice-consul in New York is flying to Los Angeles to investigate the case. Gorin is an erstwhile Russian consular official. He was arrested with Hais Salich, a naturalised American, who is stated at one time to have been an agent of the United States intelligence service. Bail has been fixed at \$25,000 each. —Reuter.

Aircraft Factory Strike At Home

Over 1,000 men are affected by a strike at an aircraft company's works at Brockworth, Gloucester to-day. The strike is stated to be unofficial. It is understood the trouble arose in connection with the dismissal of a worker in consequence of an alleged breach of work regulations. The shop's stewards made efforts to obtain the man's reinstatement, but were unsuccessful. —Reuter.

WAR ON PROFITEERING

Nazis Go after the Shop-Keepers

VIENNA, Dec. 14. **DRACONIC MEASURES** to prevent unjustified increase of prices have been taken by the National-Socialist regional leaders in Vienna and Globocnik, according to an announcement made to-day, which states that regional leaders, accompanied by various officials, paid within the last few days surprise visits to several shops and department stores in order to investigate numerous complaints made on the subject.

As a result of this investigation, it is added, exemplary penalties have been inflicted on shop-keepers found guilty of profiteering at the expense of the public. Thus the owners of two shops dealing in women's hats were each fined 10,000 reichsmarks, while a third owner was fined 5,000 reichsmarks. It is further stated that during the past three months, 20 shops have been compulsorily closed for illegally raising their prices. The total number of convictions for the same offence in the same period amounted to about 3,000 and fines totalling 45,000 reichsmarks were imposed, in addition to the big fines mentioned above. —Trans-Ocean.

Corrigan Allowed Bail Of £1,000

London, Dec. 14. Dennis Michael Corrigan, who with Frederick Willing and his son, James Herbert Willing, is charged with conspiring to defraud Theodore Laflitte of £7,250, and with attempting to obtain a further £4,000 from Laflitte by false pretences, has been granted bail of £1,000 surety, with the promise that he will report to the police every day. —Reuter.

Panama Canal Spy Found Guilty

Cristobal, Panama, Dec. 14. Hans Heinrich Schnekov, one of the four Germans, including a girl, arrested near Fort Randolph, near the entrance to the Panama Canal in October, were to-day found guilty of espionage, following a charge of photographing the fortifications. Sentence was not pronounced, pending a new trial, when the other three defendants will be tried, in January. —Reuter.

Plenary Powers For Czech Government

Prague, Dec. 14. The Czechoslovak Parliament, by 148 votes to 10, to-day according the Government plenary powers for two years, thus giving it a free hand to proceed with plans for social and economic reconstruction.

When the session ends this week, Parliament is unlikely to meet again until certain parties, including the Communists, have been completely dissolved.

Herr Kundt, leader of the Germans in the Czechoslovak Republic, is remaining in Czechoslovakia, and has promised support for the Government "so long as the rights of the minority, whose leader is Adolf Hitler, are respected." —Reuter.

MONTH'S STATISTICS

Local Broadcasting During November

The report by the Hongkong Broadcasting Studio for November states that actual hours of transmission totalled 4,095 of which 2,204 were devoted to European programmes and 2,144 to Chinese programmes, as follows:

Z.B.W. morning transmission including commercial news and church relays, 78 hours; evening transmission, 148 1/2 hours. During the month, apart from recorded programmes the following items were broadcast:—studio concerts 27, theatre relays 4, studio talks (including Mandarin lessons) 18, children's concert 8. New licences issued during November totalled 283, and renewals of licences 223. Licences issued during 1938 now total 9,727.

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Remove River Blockages

Novel Suggestion In Commons

LONDON, Dec. 14. ASKED IN the House of Commons whether it was proposed to direct H.M. ships to remove the boom across the international highway, Mr. R. A. Butler stated that the Japanese Government claimed that the Tientsin boom was opened only sufficiently to provide passage for Japanese warships and military transports. Difficulties arising from the position were at present under review. —Reuter.

TAIPAN'S NAME POSTED AT JOCKEY CLUB: LIBEL CLAIM

(Continued from Page 1.)

the account was correct, at the same time saying they had no alternative but to post Mr. Brayfield's name. They further said their action was without malice but was privileged. "Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist subsequently sent another letter to the defendants, pointing out that the malice underlying the libel was the phrase 'no alternative'."

"Defendants had two alternatives, one of which was to take legal action to recover the money and the other to sell the ponies and satisfy themselves with the debt, which they were entitled to do."

DID NOT REPLY
"Curiously enough, the defendants, although they said they were acting in a way in which they could only act, did not reply to this letter."

Counsel then referred to the formal pleadings, in which plaintiff alleged that the innuendo from the notice was that defendants had understood to mean that he was unable to pay his account, was a defaulter, and that if the account was not paid within seven days he ceased to be a member of the Club. The defence admitted publication of the notice, that it meant plaintiff had failed to pay his account and that in consequence he was a defaulter. Defendants, however, claimed their action was a privilege, but this, Counsel submitted, was a matter entirely for the Court.

If the Court found that there was in fact privilege, then a further question had to be considered—had the defendants acted within the circumstances laid down by the privilege or had they gone outside and abused that privilege given by law?

Counsel said his case was that the defendants did abuse the privilege by forcing plaintiff to pay the account which he was still disputing, under Article 79, whereas that Article referred only to undisputed claims.

The object of the Article, he submitted, was never intended to force a person to pay an account which was being disputed.

Continuing, Counsel said that Mr. Brayfield would give evidence that his ponies were already amply fed by himself from his own pocket, and that the fodder supplied by the Club was vastly in excess of the quantity recommended by Major Hogg.

The trainer would also be called to say that the way in which the food was allocated was such as no one would expect it to be.

Counsel concluded his opening by referring to the question of damages. He said that if the Jury found there was libel, it was entirely up to them to assess damages, but they must take into consideration the circumstances and the annoyance to which his client had been put.

The case is proceeding.

9-Power Pact: Commons Questions

LONDON, Dec. 14. ANSWERING several questions relative to revision of the Nine-Power Treaty, Mr. R. A. Butler reiterated that he was unable to recognise any alteration in the position as defined in the treaties, brought about by unilateral action.

Mr. W. Gallacher (Cons.) asked: "Is the Minister not aware that the treaty is being revised without notice just as the war was started in China without notice?" Mr. Butler replied: "I am fully aware of the difficulty of the position in the Far East. It is under our constant review. Perhaps Mr. Gallacher can take assurance from the answer I have given." —Reuter.

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Jew Refugees Flock From Totalitarians

LONDON, Dec. 14. ANNOUNCING IN the House of Commons that he was unable to agree with an immediate additional immigration to Palestine of 10,000 young Jews, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald stated that strong representations had been made from Arab quarters that immigration would be completely stopped pending the outcome of the Palestine conference.

The Government felt that to make any alteration in the existing rate of immigration now, would prejudice one of the main subjects for discussion in London. Continuing, Mr. MacDonald said he understood it was desirable for Jewish children to leave Germany. In the meantime they could be received by Britain if the refugee organisations guaranteed their maintenance.

Mr. MacDonald declared that a considerable number of young German refugees were at present being admitted to Palestine under the existing arrangements.

He added that all arrangements for the Palestine conference were made, but he was unable to state what date the conference would begin until he knew when the Palestinian delegation was appointed, and when it would arrive.

Asked later if he would reconsider the desirability of inviting the Mufti in view of the fact that the Mufti was regarded by the majority of Muslims in Palestine as their leader and prophet, Mr. MacDonald replied: "No." —Reuter.

GERMAN PROPAGANDA IN PALESTINE

London, Dec. 14. Mr. R. A. Butler declared in the House of Commons to-day that he was not in a position to disclose information received by the Government concerning alleged German activities in Palestine, relating to the passage of German money through the Damascus printing of anti-Semitic literature in Arabic. Mr. Butler added that the Government's information did not bear out all the accounts appearing in the press and elsewhere. —Reuter.

WORLD WIDE PROBLEM

Lord Plymouth, replying to the House of Lords debate on refugees, assured the House that the Government was fully conscious of the urgency of the problem, and was desirous of dealing with it as speedily as possible.

It was a world-wide problem, and must be solved by international co-operation. Progress depended largely on what was done by the country of origin. Many refugees, including nurses and servants, had been admitted to Britain without affecting the British labour market.

The Government was prepared to admit as many refugee children as homes could be found for. Already 1,000 children had been admitted in this way.

The Government expected many thousands of children would be admitted to Britain. Referring to British Guiana, Lord Plymouth said much of the land was forest land, but a large area was suitable for refugees. —Reuter.

Lithuania Willing To Co-operate

Kaunas, Dec. 14. It is understood in authoritative circles that the Lithuanian Government would be prepared to accept the German interpretation of the Mamel Statute in order to stabilise the situation. It will never agree, however, to the detachment of Mamel from Lithuania. —Reuter.

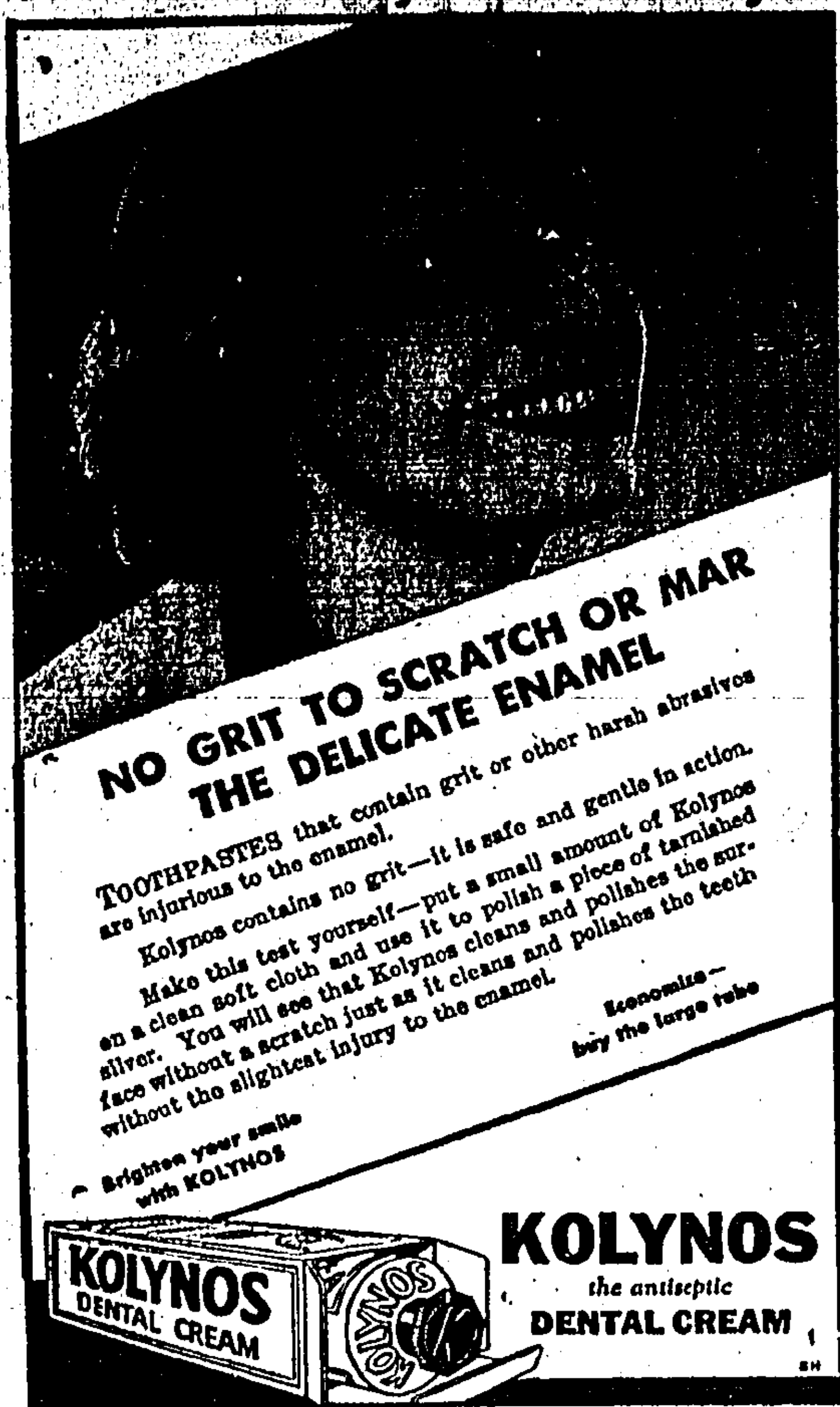
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INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. date, 20th November)	Emp. of Russia	December 15.
Straits	Helens	December 15.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 8th December.	Imperial Airways Plane	December 15.
Calcutta and Straits	Kutiang	December 15.
Japan and Shanghai	Scharnhorst	December 15.
Straits and Europe via Negapatam (Papers etc.), London date, 17th November.	Horuna Maru	December 16.
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Hoihow	Klungchow	December 16.
Manila	Nozima Maru	December 16.
Manila	Roseville	December 16.
Japan, Shanghai and Formosa	Suwa Maru	December 16.
Straits and London Parcels—London date, Nov. 10.	Agamemnon	December 17.
Manila	Conte Blancamano	December 17.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 11th December.	Imperial Airways Plane	December 17.
Shanghai and Swatow	Kwangtung	December 17.
Manila	Pres. Coolidge	December 17.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time
Thursday		
Amoy	Tilnegara	Thurs., Dec. 15, Noon.
Fort Bayard	Wing Wo	Thurs., Dec. 15, 1 p.m.
Parcels only for Germany via Hamburg	Scharnhorst	Thurs., Dec. 15, 4.30 p.m.
Parcels and Papers only for Singapore, Rangoon and Calcutta	Analoek	Thurs., Dec. 15, 5 p.m.
Manila	Empress of Russia	Thurs., Dec. 15, 5.30 p.m.
K.P.O.		
	Reg.	Dec. 15, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 15, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.		
	Reg.	Dec. 15, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 15, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 22nd December.		
K.P.O.		
	Reg.	Dec. 15, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 15, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.		
	Reg.	Dec. 15, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 15, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 24th December.		
K.P.O.		
	Reg.	Dec. 15, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 15, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.		
	Reg.	Dec. 15, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 15, 7 p.m.
Foohchow	Sandviken	Thurs., Dec. 15, 7 p.m.
Friday		
Fort Bayard	Kiangsu	Fri., Dec. 16, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Shantung	Fri., Dec. 16, 9.30 a.m.
Halphong	Esang	Fri., Dec. 16, 10 a.m.
Hohhow	Mulman	Fri., Dec. 16, 11.30 a.m.
Formosa, Shanghai, Japan, and Europe (except Great Britain and Elze) via Siberia	Haruna Maru	Fri., Dec. 16, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow, and Foochow	Seistan	Fri., Dec. 16, 3 p.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 27th December.	Suwa Maru	Fri., Dec. 16, 3 p.m.
K.P.O.		
	Reg.	Dec. 16, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 16, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.		
	Reg.	Dec. 16, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 16, 6.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 15th January,	Suwa Maru	Fri., Dec. 16, 6.30 p.m.
K. P. O.		
	Reg.	Dec. 16, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 16, 5.30 p.m.
G. P. O.		
	Reg.	Dec. 16, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 16, 7 p.m.
Japan	Kutsang	Fri., Dec. 16, 7 p.m.
Saturday		
Shanghai	Conte Blancamanu	Sat., Dec. 17, 8.30 a.m.
Parcels and Papers for Calcutta	Talamba	Sat., Dec. 17, 8.30 a.m.
Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and President Coolidge	Sat., Dec. 17, 8.30 a.m.	
Santh America and (Papers only for Canada via San Francisco)—due San Francisco, 5th January, 1936.	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Parcels	Dec. 17, 8.30 p.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 17, 8.30 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 17, 8.30 p.m.
Amoy	Soochow	Sat., Dec. 17, 9.30 a.m.



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After the crash it:
Mounted the pavement, uprooting a tree;
Ran 65 feet along a grass verge;
Cut through a hedge;
Crashed through a railway fence, cutting through wood uprights nine inches thick; and
Fell down a 100ft. embankment to be wrecked against a heavy fence.

When passengers from the bus—which was taking a studio audience from Atherton to Broadcasting House, Manchester—reached the wreckage the driver had vanished.

TORCHLIGHT SEARCH

Police with torches searched fields and woods and also made inquiries at hospitals and from doctors in case the man needed treatment.

Mr. S. Tonge, a grocer, of Station Road, Swinton, who owned the car, said: "I went to the parish hall to bring my wife and children home from a concert. When I came out of the hall after about ten minutes the car had gone."

He Made Good

Young Fernand Maillaud lived in a Paris garret.

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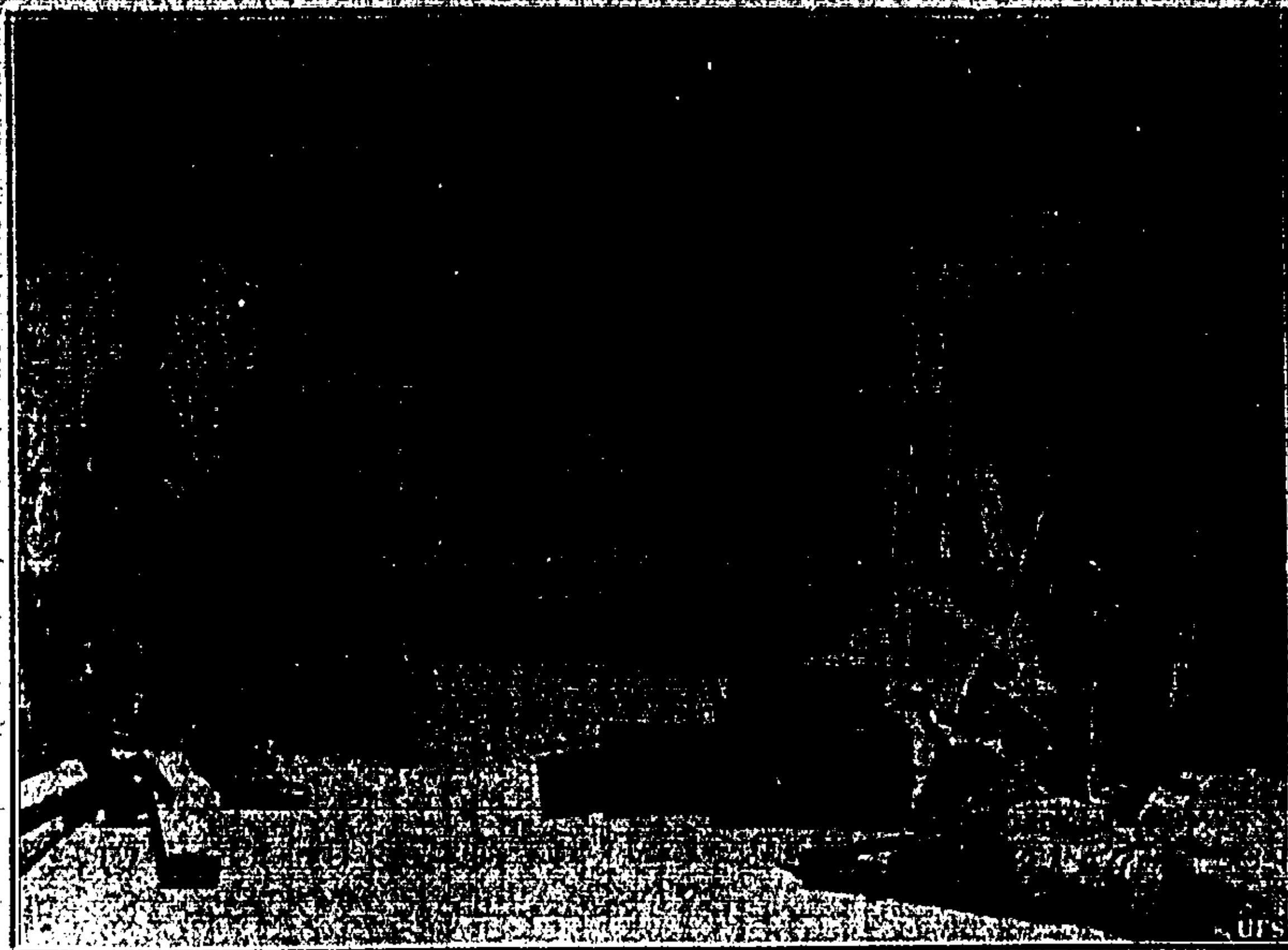
A Scottish business man strayed in and was impressed. He went back to the garret and was so enchanted by the home-made furniture that he bought it all and took it back to Edinburgh.

Then he arranged a Maillaud exhibition.

The poor boy's name was made.

Recently Fernand Maillaud is giving an exhibition in the Cooling Galleries, London.

He is famous, rich, and acclaimed now. All London was there.



Troops stationed in and about Jerusalem attempt to keep rioting and terrorism by Arabs at a minimum, but sniping, arson and sabotage continue. Here is a warlike scene in the Bad el Shaleh quarter of the Holy City, near the temple. British soldiers hold a machine gun pointed at the temple area, in readiness to check Arab rebels.

FOX JUMPS DOWN COTTAGE CHIMNEY

A fox which had been disturbed ago. This fox has brought down as much soot as he did."

Lord Rosebery suggested that the sweep's brushes should be borrowed.

With these the fox was forced on to the roof again. It came out black with soot, scuttled down the side of the cottage, and took cover in an outhouse.

There it was caught by Mr. C. Boddington, a former master of the Whaddon Chase Hunt. He put it in a sack, took it to a nearby spinney and set it free.

He went to the cottage. Mrs. Foster, the occupant, greeted him with "We had a sweep here some time ago."

London Cafe Bars Japanese

Japanese merchants and city men have lost their favourite eating place in London—the Chinese restaurant in Piccadilly Circus. "No Japanese will be served at this restaurant," says a printed notice affixed to the entrance door.

HIGHLANDER STOWS AWAY ON SHIP

Week In Prison In Sumatra

After spending a week in prison at Belawan Deli, Sumatra, for stowing away at Singapore in the Dutch vessel Saparoca, a Gordon Highlander was brought back to Singapore recently in the Rotterdam Lloyd liner Indrapoera.

When about ten hours out from Singapore, the Gordon Highlander, who had been reported missing, was discovered when he left his hiding place, a large wooden box behind a funnel.

After the report by the Dutch authorities, Inspector A. Reddick of the Marine Police at Singapore, discovered that the stowaway was the missing Gordon Highlander although he had given a different name.

When he boarded the ship, the stowaway thought it was proceeding directly to Colombo, a British port.

The Gordon Highlander, who was met on arrival at Singapore by a Marine Police Officer, was handed over to the military authorities.

Cleveland Industries Rise

Industry here is expanding despite the recession. The city's annual payrolls have been increased \$300,000 by establishment of 24 new industries, and more than \$2,500,000 has been spent in plant expansions by 34 existing industries since Jan. 1.

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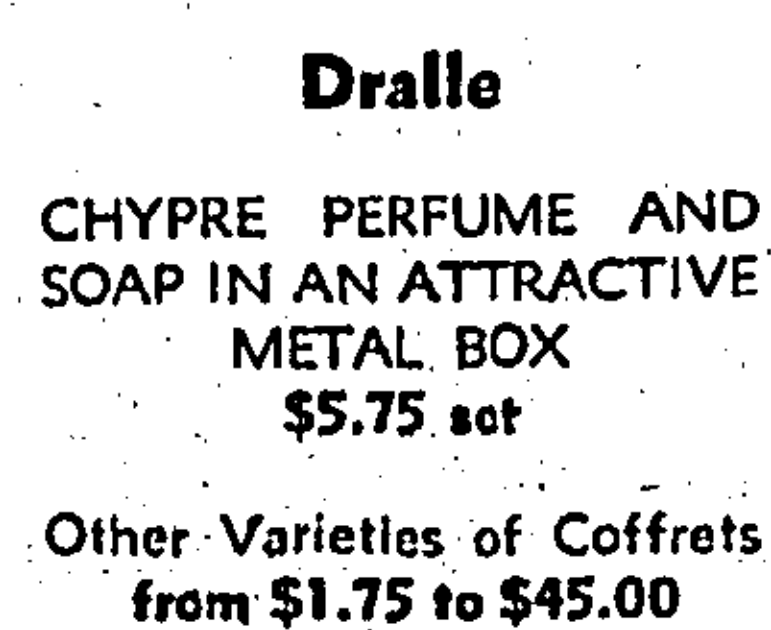
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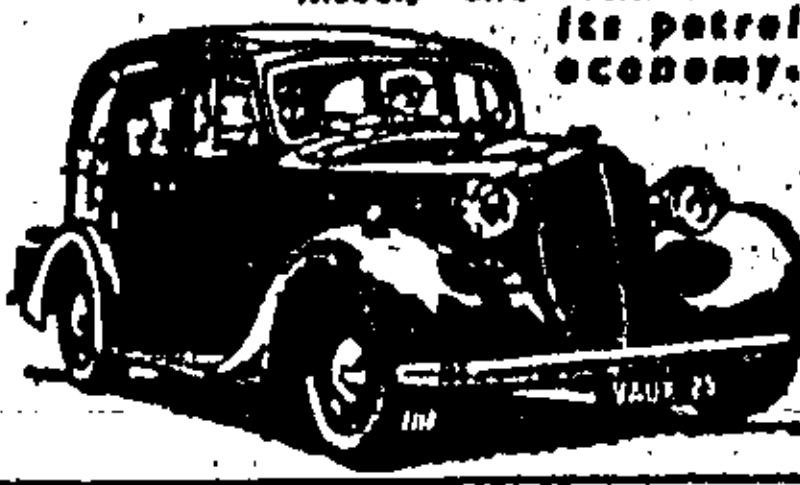
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War on Cancer

BRITAIN THIS WEEK declared war on an enemy which claims more lives than any war she has previously engaged in.

Financed to a great extent from philanthropic sources, a valiant campaign has been waged for many years in England against cancer, man's greatest scourge. But the facilities hitherto provided are, in the words of the Minister who introduced the Bill in the Commons this week, "manifestly inadequate."

Less than one in four of those who suffer from cancer have in England the opportunity of cure or amelioration which modern methods provide.

Cancer, like many other diseases, must be tackled early if there is to be any hope of cure, and the extension under Government auspices of the network of treatment centres is a matter long overdue.

Sanctions in Sydney

AUSTRALIAN WORKERS have declared economic sanctions against Japan, and refuse to load shipping carrying what they suspect are materials which may be turned to use in the war with China.

The boycott weapon, as Hongkong people know only too well, is the most powerful that the masses can employ.

But it is a dangerous and two-sided weapon. The Australian workers have got to square their desire to assist China in its fight against aggression with the possibility that boycott may bring reprisals by Japan. Australia has only two better customers for her goods than Japan—Britain and New Zealand.

If the Australians are prepared to risk the loss of Japan's trade by pursuing with their sanctions they have set an example which, if followed by the workers of other nations, will rapidly bankrupt Japan. But it is a risky experiment.

Set a Pest to Catch a Pest

INTO Hongkong the other day, by air-mail from a lonely farm in Kenya Colony, came a tiny whitewood-box no larger than a matchbox and smaller than the linen label attached to it.

It was delivered to a Pan American Clipper and taken across the Pacific to complete a 14,000 mile journey by air.

These insects came from the headquarters of one of the strangest armies on earth, the army of expert campaigners of the Imperial Institute of Entomology, whose invisible war against marauding insects is saving the world £100,000,000 a year, and on the winning of which depends our very existence, physical and economic.



THOSE insects were samples of the 8,000,000 insect specimens housed and catalogued at the Natural History Museum in London.

From all over the world come appeals to the "Parasite Zoo"—and very soon a battalion of warrior parasites are recruited from the breeding station and sent off by the air-liner, safely enclosed in special cold-storage containers, with rations for the journey composed of such tasty-bits as raisins and sugar and water.



THAT is but one brief chapter in the story of man's ceaseless war against marauding insects—insects which represent sixty per cent. of all living things on this earth, and which would soon overrun us, killing our sheep and cattle, destroying our crops, cutting down our trees, blighting our vegetation, and spreading annihilating plagues, if permitted to have their own irresponsible, destructive way.

Every week some 2,000 letters arrive from every corner of the world at the Imperial Institute of Entomology; every day packages of all shapes and sizes—cigar-boxes, cigarette tins, bamboo tubes, hand-made wooden containers—arrive with specimen corpses of bandit insects. And almost every day legions of anti-pests are sent out to the remotest part of the world to battle against the hordes.

A popular parasite emigrant is *Alysia Manducator*, an insect which is in great demand in Australia. The grub is sent out in the chilling-room of a steamer, dormant in a bed of earth. At the end of its travels the grub hatches into a fly, which likes nothing better than to feed on the grub of the blow-fly which can kill sheep to the value of £3,000,000 in one year.

THEN there is the saw-fly parasite, which is plentiful in Britain but which, until recently, did not exist in Canada. Unfortunately the saw-fly has the annoying habit of tunnelling inside wheat stems and mowing down acres of grain long before the harvest is due. It is an expensive pastime, costing Canadian farmers millions of dollars a year.

But England's "Parasite Zoo" comes to the rescue by supplying parasites which lay eggs inside the sawfly grub so that when the sawfly grub is hatched the parasite egg is also hatched and proceeds to feed itself upon its unwilling host until there is no sawfly left to feed upon!

This was against insects, which is known as biological control, really took practical shape in 1904 when General Gorgas became sanitary inspector.

tor of the death swamps of the Panama Canal zone and began to study the habits of the mosquito, which had killed 22,000 workers in eight years.

His triumph is now history. But what is not so well known is the fact that at that time there was scarcely one officially accredited entomologist in the British Empire.

To-day there are over three hundred highly-trained specialists sipping neither time nor effort in finding new means of defence and attack. Their work is not confined to the laboratory; their active service takes them into the remotest places in search of the scientific proof of the theory upon which they are staking everything, the theory that (to paraphrase an old rhyme)

If big fleas have little fleas
Upon their backs to bite
em,

Then little fleas have lesser fleas,
And so ad infinitum!

That is why this year preparations were made, well in advance, for defensive action against an attack of the desert locust. Years of field-study have shown that the locust, whose damage is appalling and incalculable, swarms in cycles of ten or eleven years.

But there are locusts and locusts. South of the desert locusts are the tropical locusts, stretching from French Equatorial Africa to Tanganyika; south of these are the red locusts, then the brown locusts, whose terrifying hordes cost the Union of South Africa £2,000,000 a year and can strip areas larger than England completely clean of green life.



ARMIES of insects, known and unknown, are always attacking. They cost Canada \$25,000,000 a year, India \$150,000,000 a year, and America \$400,000,000. At home Britain's farmers are not without their insect troubles. Because of the prolonged drought in the spring British sugar-beet was attacked for the first time by the deadly black aphid, whose total annual damage here cannot be computed. It also attacked mangels and beans, while legions of caterpillars devoured acres of cabbages, and deadly armies of wireworms moved across our wheatlands and did untold damage to the cereal crops.

But the fight goes on. Each new type of crop produces a new insect enemy for whom there must be found a parasite, or anti-pest. Man cannot rest in this world-wide war.

It was Sir Guy Marshall, in his capacity of Director of the Imperial Institute of Entomology—or C.-in-C. of the Anti-Pest Army—who once said that if the insects were allowed to have their own way they could destroy the world's vegetation in one year.

That gives you some idea of the debt we owe to those scientists whom we facetiously call "bug-hunters." But the true value of their work can never be assessed in terms of £ s. d.

**WED IN
HASTE**

Bandman Charles Thomas, of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, and Mario Docherty met in the Ideal Home Exhibition at Edinburgh one Monday. She was working, he was playing there. On the Tuesday he proposed. On the Wednesday they were married under a tree on the Gorgas Road, Edinburgh, to Gretna's wedding, Gretna's wedding, Gretna's wedding, who was at the exhibition. He brought his snail from his Gretna.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"He MUST care a little—didn't he name his new bacteria discovery after me?"

This is OUR EMPIRE

I SHALL be dealing to-day with a string of Colonial territories inhabited by Europeans—such as Gibraltar, Malta and Cyprus, or by Asiatics, such as Aden, Ceylon, British Malaya and Hongkong.

Most of these have been under British government for a hundred years, i.e. much longer than tropical Africa, but not nearly so long as the West Indies.

There can be no denying that this chain of British Colonies through the Mediterranean, the Red Sea, and the Indian Ocean became British because of our Navy, and primarily for the needs of a Navy that had to police the great maritime trade routes from Britain to India, Australia, New Zealand and the Far East.

In the 19th century they were often called "coaling stations." To-day with the same naval requirements, and the added requirement of air bases, civil as well as military, this chain of British Colonies as a whole depends in no small degree on the good relations of the people

Utility To Empire

The prosperity and good government of these islands and fortresses is as essential as their physical defence, for the internal peace and progress of each of them is as important in peace and war as their defence against foreign aggression. Their utility to the Empire as a whole depends in no small degree on the good relations of the people

BY LORD HARLECH

of both Britain and of the self-governing Dominions and the peoples who inhabit these vital links between us all.

We have now had a partnership with them for several generations, and on the happy and willing continuance of that partnership depends the ultimate security of India and Australia even more than the security of Great Britain itself.

Singapore, our island fortress at the south-eastern corner of Asia where the Indian Ocean and the China Sea converge, is also one of the greatest commercial ports of the world, and is now by far the largest city in the British Colonial Empire, with over half a million inhabitants.

The Dominions and Malaya herself have helped Great Britain to defray the cost of this the largest overseas naval and air base in the Empire—a new bulwark of all Empire defence opened last year. Incidentally, British Malaya, which includes, in addition to the hundred year old annexed colonies of the Straits Settlements, the protected states of the Malay Sultans and rulers, is by far the richest territory administered under the Colonial Office.

Rubber and Tin

It is the largest producer of both rubber and tin in the world. As the United States of America is the largest consumer of both these two important raw materials, and as the United States and its dependencies do not, and cannot, produce them, the state of the American market is of vital interest to British Malaya.

Although larger in area, and far richer in material resources, Malaya is less populous than the island of Ceylon, which has six million inhabitants and is often called Britain's "Premier Crown Colony." Economically, Ceylon is famous for its tea plantations and for its coconut products. Ceylon ranks third after British Malaya and the Dutch East Indies as a world producer of rubber.

THIS article comprises extracts from a talk given by Lord Harlech from the microphone at Broadcasting House, London, recently.

Lord Harlech, as Mr. Ormsby-Gore was Secretary of State for Colonies.

The manuscript of the talk was supplied by the courtesy of the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Hongkong has been British for close on one hundred years and is the headquarters of the China Squadron of the Royal Navy.

The overwhelming majority of its million inhabitants are Chinese.

Aden became a British port and fortress before the opening of the Suez Canal.

The Colony and protectorate of Aden, of course, brings us into direct contact with the Arab world.

Cyprus, ceded to British administration by the Treaty of Berlin more than fifty years ago, is inhabited partly by Turkish, and partly by Greek speaking Cypriots.

Malta and Gibraltar

Of all parts of the British Empire, it is the archaeologists' paradise, with the still visible remains of the art and monuments of Venice, of the Lusignan Kings, of the Crusaders, of the Byzantine, Roman and Hellenistic Empires, back even further to Persia, the "Hittites," the Mycenaeans and the ancient Egyptians, and based ultimately on apparently rich indigenous Neolithic civilisation of its own.

Malta, our chief naval base in the Mediterranean, was, for two romantic centuries before it became British in the Napoleonic wars, under the rule of the International order of the Knights of St. John.

The Maltese, who are of European race, speak a language which is at root Semitic, and many go back far beyond the Saracenic occupation of the early Middle Ages to the time when Malta was predominantly under the influence of Carthage and the Carthaginian homeland of Phoenicia.

The extant remains of a high civilisation in Malta go back even earlier than those of Minoan Crete. The Rock of Gibraltar has been British for over 200 years, that sentinel of the entrance and exit of the Mediterranean, the smallest of all British Colonies, but one of the most significant in our naval and military history, still vital to Imperial defence.

Local Patriotism

This talk has inevitably been but a descriptive sketch in outline.

Our scattered Colonial Empire includes in addition to the links of this chain, many islands in the Pacific Ocean, Mauritius, St. Helena, the Falkland Islands—all the "consequence of British maritime adventure in generations now long past."

Each and all are other links with the great self-governing Dominions, the mortar between the great stones which are the ramparts of the Empire; they are the nerve centres of our vast Mercantile Marine; but not only that; they are centres whence spread the knowledge and examples of British political and cultural ideas. Each unit has its own life, its own local patriotism, its own distinctive culture.

Loyalty To King

It is bound together by three things: first and most important, a common and generous loyalty to the varied peoples of these Colonies; to the person of a single King; secondly, a sense of partnership in a great historic enterprise; and, thirdly, and don't let us forget it, by the Royal Navy, which created it and which is its material guardian in this dangerous world.

In thinking over my memories of visits to these groups of Colonies—so varied in climate, in type, and degree (Continued on Page 5.)

"O.D." Owns 300 Cinemas—Goes To The Pictures "For A Little Relaxation"

"Good Wife" Aids Him In £30,000,000 Deal

BIRMINGHAM.

Covering a wall in the office of quiet, mild little Oscar Deutsch, cinema magnate, is a map of Britain studded with illuminated green bulbs.

Each bulb represents an Odeon cinema. They show how, in six years, their owner has risen from a metal merchants' yard to negotiate, this week, a £30,000,000 deal that will make him Britain's Cinema King.

He already owns 300 cinemas. If he brings off a deal now pending with Gaumont-British he will control 600 more. And 600 bulbs are waiting to add to the cluster on the map.

Bald-headed, 44-year-old Mr. Deutsch is known to his 15,000 employees, as "O. D." There is magic in those initials.

From them he coined the name "Odeon," a name that shines in neon lights in almost every town in the land.

He recently told the amazing story of how he has come to lead the cinema industry in six short years.

As a young man he took an academic interest in the cinema. It was in 1930 that he opened the first Odeon at Ferry Bar, Birmingham.

BY 1933 HE HAD 50 CINEMAS. ONE OF THEM WAS BUILT IN VIRTUALLY AN OPEN FIELD. AND HIS FRIENDS IN THE CINEMA INDUSTRY JESTED ABOUT THE SITE. BUT PRESENTLY HOUSES SPRANG UP ROUND THIS ODEON ALMOST OVERNIGHT.

By 1937 the Odeons numbered 200. To-day there are 300, valued at about £22,000,000.

HIS SECRET

"I've come to control 300 theatres," said Mr. Deutsch in matter-of-fact tones, "but I haven't finished yet. I have a £10,000,000 plan to build still more.

"HOW DID I DO IT? A GIFT OF CONCENTRATION. THAT HAS BEEN MY SECRET."

"I am still concentrating," he laughed apologetically, "and every week another Odeon cinema opens." He told how his chestnut-haired wife is always at his elbow to help him in the great decisions he has to make.

"She is on my Board of Directors," he said, "and has been responsible for the decoration of all our halls. No two of them are alike.

"She learned that when we were first married. She designed the furnishings of our home twenty years ago. Her wonderful sense of colour and design has been evident in all our homes—and in all our cinemas.

"A good wife is the greatest gift that a man can have." While he directs the organisation of his great circuit Mrs. Deutsch is travelling all over the country supervising the decoration of each new hall.

TELEVISION NEXT

But at week-ends they meet, and forget business in their large, comfortable home at Edgbaston, near here.

Cinemas are never mentioned. Mr. Deutsch becomes the family man with his three children.

HE TOLD OF HIS AMBITIONS FOR THE FUTURE. "TELEVISION IS THE NEWEST FORM OF ENTERTAINMENT," HE SAID. "I PLAN LATER TO HAVE FULL-SIZE TELEVISION SCREENS IN EVERY ODEON CINEMA."

"My favourite relaxation?" he repeated, and whispered a secret.

"I often work 10 hours a day, but in odd hours off I go to the pictures for a little relaxation."

Mr. Deutsch travels continually between London and Birmingham, always with a secretary at his elbow. His head office is still in Birmingham, but lavish London offices were opened in Park Lane in 1934.

It is in Park Lane that the millionaire cinema king is seen at his best.

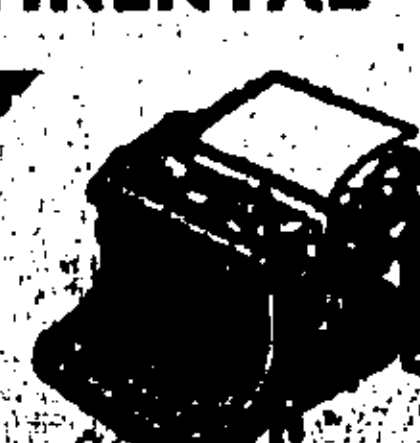
Dog "Retrieves" Shark

Queenscliff, Australia. Even dogs have taken to shark fishing here. A retriever jumped from a pier here, caught a 5-foot shark by the tail, and dragged it ashore where fishermen shot it.

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New homes in agricultural colonies in Libya, Italian empire across the Mediterranean in Africa, will be found by 20,000 Italians in 1,000 families, vanguard of millions. Italy plans to settle there eventually. Here is one of the families about to leave Rome. Homes, stables and irrigation wells have already been constructed for them.



Britain, governing Palestine through a mandate of the League of Nations, is attempting to stamp out acts of terrorism that have upset the Holy Land in frequent clashes between Jews and Arabs. Here, a member of the Royal West Kent's brings in two bandits captured near Tel Kharim. British have erected barbed-wire internment camps.

300 CATS "INVADED" STUDIO Two Men Said They Were Ill-Treated

An allegation of cruelty to cats in the production of the film "Goldwyn Follies of 1938" was mentioned in a case recently before Mr. Justice Singleton in the King's Bench Division.

Samuel Goldwyn, Incorporated, and United Artists Corporation were granted an injunction to restrain Edmund T. MacMichael, J. M. Coubrough, and the Bancroft Press, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, from repeating or publishing similar libels to that which, it was alleged, was contained in a pamphlet printed by Bancroft Press and distributed by MacMichael and Coubrough.

An order for damages was not asked for as it was not likely to be of any avail.

"TO REPEAT THEM"

In the pamphlet MacMichael and Coubrough were described, respectively, as hon. director and hon. treasurer of the Performing and Captive Animals Defence League,

"which denounces cruelty in the Goldwyn Follies film."

"That society," said Mr. G. D. Roberts, K.C. (for the film companies), "has been prominent in the hands of MacMichael, in making allegations against persons who are connected with the circus trade, and has a long record of litigation.

"MacMichael and Coubrough have received notification in regard to this action, but they have refused to enter any appearance, although in correspondence they assert the truth of the allegations and express their intention of repeating them."

Mr. Justice Singleton asked if MacMichael was in court, and a man from the back came forward with what he said was his reply to the notice of motion.

Mr. Justice Singleton: I see you are called Captain MacMichael.

"I was a captain during the war in the 8th Devonshires," was the answer.

IN SAME REGIMENT

Mr. Roberts: I can give personal evidence of that. I happened to be in the same regiment.

[Mr. G. D. Roberts, K.C., served from August 1914 to April 1919 in the Devonshire Regiment and on the Staff. He was in France four years.]

In a statement he read, MacMichael said he had tried, through the court, to prevent the exhibition of the film.

"We are prepared to fight Samuel Goldwyn at any time in this matter," he added.

[In "Goldwyn Follies of 1938" the Ritz Brothers sing a song about cats, ending with a film studio being invaded by 300 cats.]

FAMOUS PIANIST DIES

Leopold Godowsky, 68-year-old Russian composer and pianist, who made his debut at the age of nine, died in New York after an operation.

Godowsky was greatest of all pianists from the point of execution. Horowitz nowadays might excel him, or Rachmaninoff, but in his day he was more dazzling even than Paderewski or Bachmann.

He "transcribed" the Chopin studies, and some of the great ones could not play them, although they sounded simple enough when he was at the key-board.

Bachmann, the eccentric, said of him: "Godowsky is the king of pianists—but I can play better."

He could, but never as brilliantly. **AMERICAN WIFE**

In 1909 the Emperor Franz Joseph made him head of the Imperial Royal Piano-School in Vienna, but he spent the greater part of his life in New York, and married an American.

His Vienna contract specified 200 hours a year of teaching, at £4 5s. an hour.

Classes were never to exceed 15, and if he were absent from Vienna—even in America—the class had to go to him, expenses paid by the Government.

NO BOUQUETS

It was a pension post, and he started with ten years nominally to his credit.

He disdained pianists' hair and when a bouquet was passed up to the platform after one of his London recitals he turned it.

"I'm not a ballet dancer," he said.



Colonel Fulgencio Batista, virtual dictator of Cuba, who was a recent guest of the American Army in Washington.

Lens Shows Up Mars

Oakland, Cal.

Alfred Leach, president of the East Bay Astronomical association, has built a telescope in his garage with a 9-inch Newtonian reflector that has permitted him to make observations of Mars that have convinced him the planet has life on it.

WPA Nap Nearly Fatal

BUTTE, Mont.

"Sneaking a sleep on a WPA project can entail even greater dangers than merely getting discharged. A local worker slipped under a warehouse platform to take his nap and was sleeping soundly when a truck drove onto the platform. The support gave way and the truck settled on the ground, pulling him from the sleeper's head.

Safest Hands In The World

SHE HELD CHINA WORTH £3,000,000; NEVER A BREAK

The safest hands in the world. To whom do they belong? A statesman, a helmsman, or an engine driver, a surgeon, a dentist, or an artist, a wicket-keeper, or a goalkeeper?

No—they are reputed to belong to quiet humble Mrs. Louisa Allen, of Arvon-road, Highbury, N.—a white-haired war widow, aged about 60, who has the air and the bearing of a family retainer in a ducal house or of the old-fashioned "nannie."

For the last 20 years, six days a week, she has earned a living washing, scrubbing, and polishing the treasured porcelains, potteries, and pieces of china passing through the hands of a great West End firm of antique dealers, Messrs. Rochelle Thomas, of King-street, St. James's-street, S.W.

During that time she has averaged between 150 and 160 pieces a day (a million pieces in the aggregate). And on the average each piece has been worth between £1 to £4. So she has cleaned about £3,000,000 worth of pottery, china, and porcelain.

She has not broken a single piece during her 20 years; and she has only chipped three. Surely it is with justice that she claims to have the safest hands in the world.

THERE'S A THRILL

Recently, she was one of the proudest women in London, for she has more than 350 china and porcelain figures on view in the Antique Dealers' Fair at Grosvenor House. Each piece has been carefully and lovingly washed by her expert hands.

What are her hands like? Her handiwork is a gentle caress, neither clinging nor curt. It is precise but kind.

Her fingers are long, artistic, and soft, but not weak or indelicate.

Her nails are manicured and perfectly shaped, showing symmetrical "moons," but they are not long or united.

Louisa, as Mrs. Allen is known among antique dealers and art connoisseurs, told me that the knack of handling china is hereditary.

"My brother was a china packer," she said. "My father was foreman at Christie's, and my married daughter is very domesticated too. I think 'safe hands' must be in the family."

"There's a thrill in washing up display pieces. I remember washing the famous 'Dresden Music Teacher,' which was valued at £2,000."

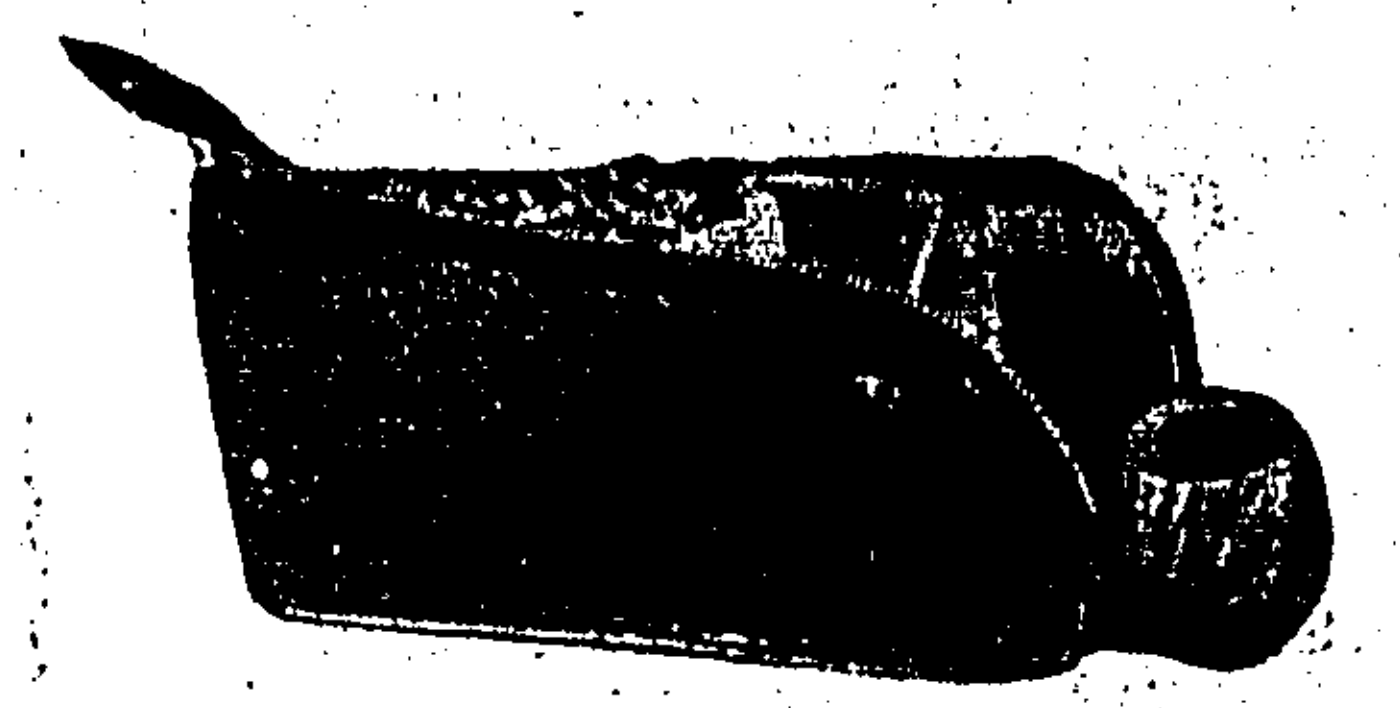
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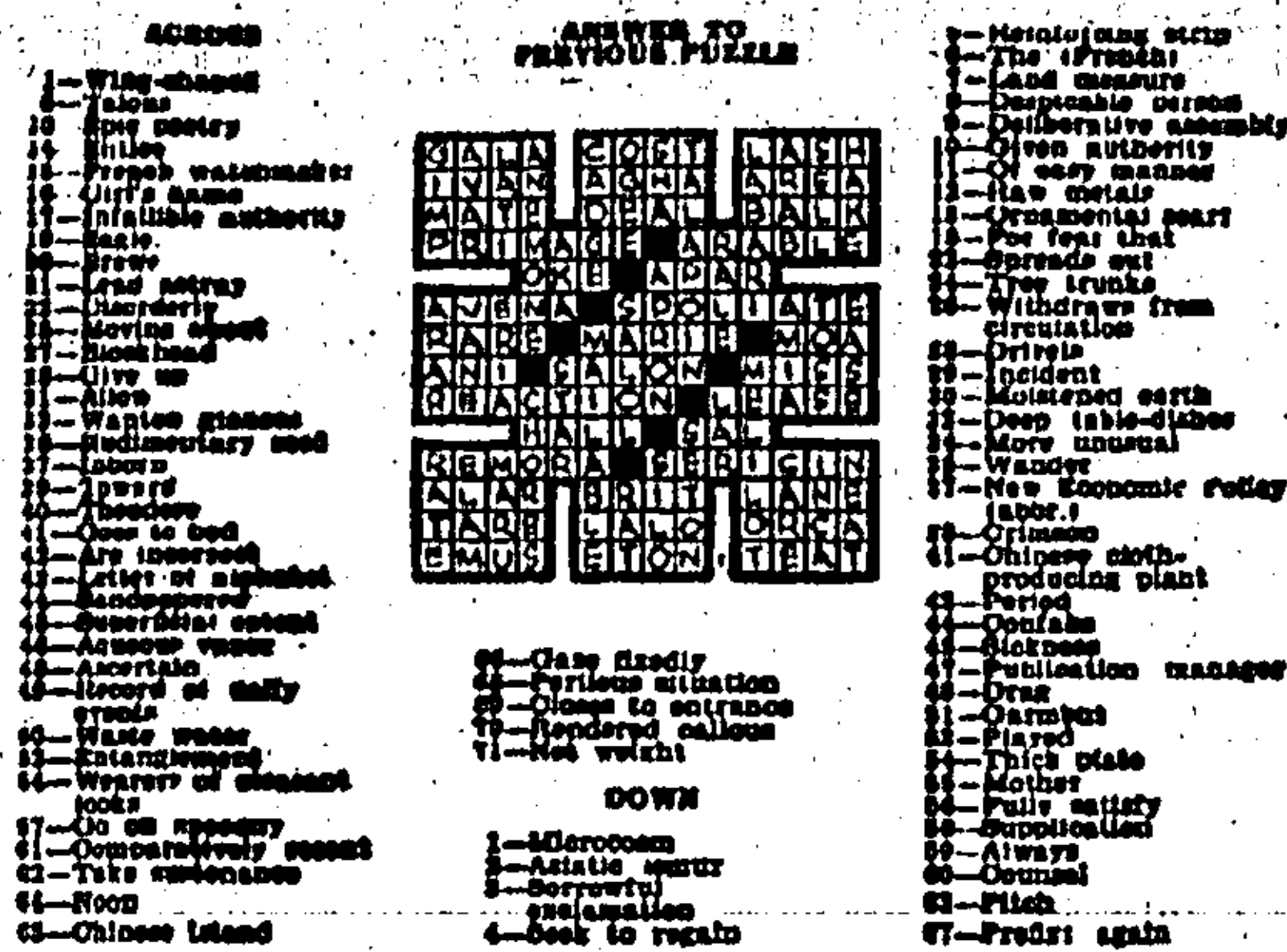
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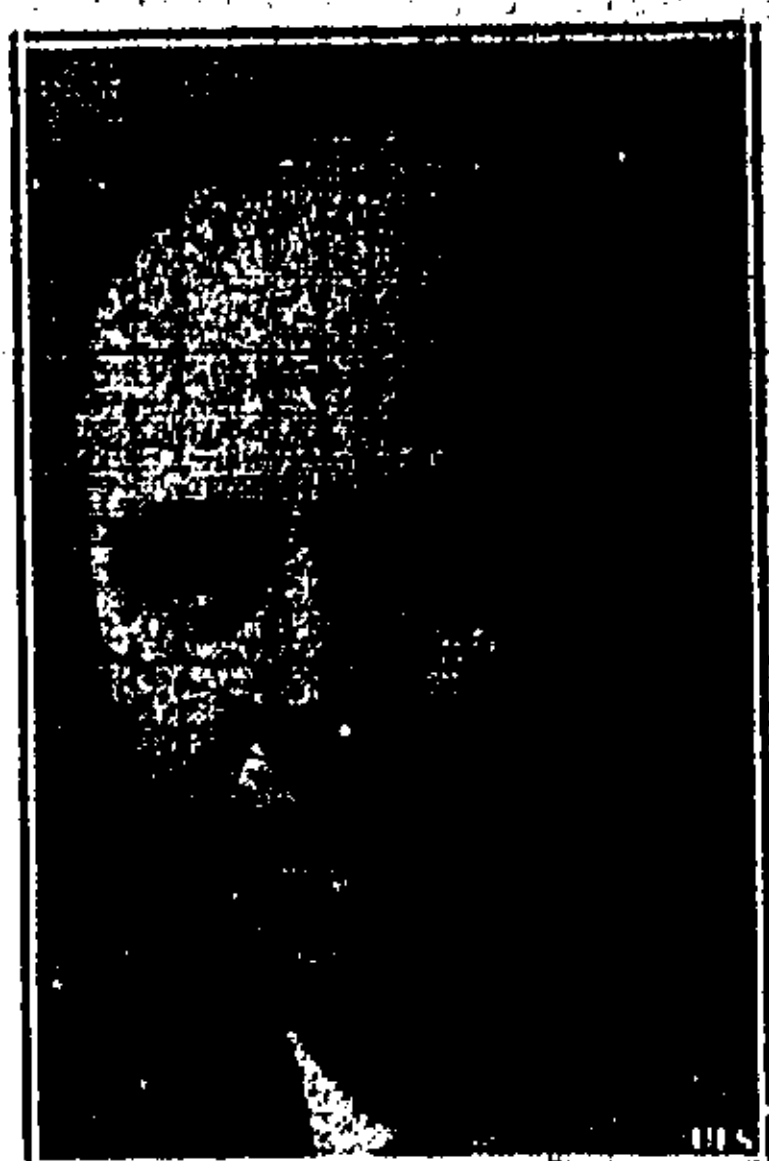
By LARS MORRIS



Sign of The Cross in The Dock

Within a few minutes of the death sentence being passed at the Old Bailey on Sidney George Paul, 46-year-old salesman, for the murder of his wife in the sun parlour of their home at Ruislip, Middlesex, a telegram was sent to Belgium, where three of the four Paul children are living in a convent:

"COUPABLE" ("GUILTY") was the only word in the message.



Hugh R. Wilson, United States Ambassador to Berlin, recently called by the State Department to return forthwith to Washington for "report and consultation." Technically it was not a recall in the sense of breaking off diplomatic relations with Germany, but his return to Germany was believed questionable.

Philatelist by Luck

NEW ORLEANS. Herman Herst, Jr., of New York City said during the American Philatelic convention here that it was luck that put him in the stamp collecting business. While working for a bond firm, Herst, an amateur stamp collector, was looking over a dealer's collection and found a valuable stamp. He bought it for \$3, paid \$100 more for a bill of sale and later sold it for \$3,450.

Mrs. Paul's relatives in Belgium will decide how the news can be told to the three girls (the eldest only 17).

The fourth child, a boy of eight, is still in England, at school. He is aware that he has lost his mother, but nothing more.

The jury of four women and eight men had been absent 40 minutes considering their verdict.

"GUILTY," said the foreman. "Have you anything to say why sentence of death should not be passed upon you?" the Clerk asked, in the formal challenge.

Paul pulled his left hand from his jacket pocket and held it high for the judge to see. Around his wrist and hand was entwined a Rosary of black beads, with its Crucifix.

"I am not guilty, my lord," he said in firm, clear tones.

Mr. Justice Asquith began to pronounce the first sentence of death since he has been a judge, and obviously he felt the strain of it.

"You have had a fair trial," he said. His voice dropped and he hesitated.

"And may God have mercy upon your soul," he concluded. The priest standing behind the Bench called out "Amen."

Paul lifted his eyes again, held himself erect and made the Sign of the Cross upon his brow and breast with the Crucifix.

Warders led him below.

Paul is English. He was a trier who failed. He had been storekeeper in the Congo, pearl fisher in Australia, soldier with the Australians in the Great War, farmer in Belgium.

His house at Ruislip has been sold, but the money has been swallowed in expenses that followed the tragedy.

Paul has practically no money. He was defended under the Poor Prisoners' Defence Act, and Mr. J. F. Eastwood, K.C., his counsel, receives £10 5s. for four days' constant attendance at court and for hours of conferences and journeys to Ruislip and to Brixton Prison.

Mr. Eastwood's junior receives £11. The solicitors, Messrs. Wilfred Firth, get £10 for preparing a defence.

And no prisoner could have had more zealous defenders.

RUBBER QUOTA RAISED

MINING LANE IN THE DARK AS TO REASON

STOCKS SHOULD STILL FALL 24,000 TONS

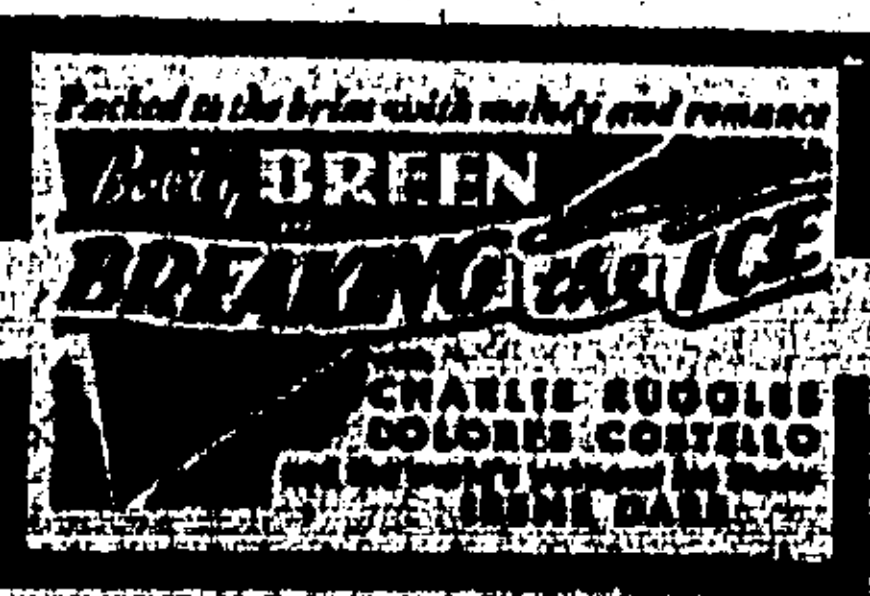
Commenting on the decision of the International Rubber - Regulation Committee increasing the export allowance for the first quarter of next year to 50 per cent. of basic quotas, Symington and Wilson, London, in their report write:—

One is of course in the dark as to the reasoning which led the Committee to their decision. In view of the agitation which has been going on in America for an increase to 55 per cent. it is to be presumed that the American manufacturers put forward high estimates of American consumption in the early months of next year.

On more than one occasion previously estimates have been put forward on behalf of the manufacturers which have afterwards proved to be entirely illusory. One must believe that the Committee have by now learnt to regard these estimates with a certain amount of scepticism and is therefore forced to the conclusion that on this occasion the Advisory Panel of Manufacturers have been able to show good reasons why their estimates are likely to prove correct.

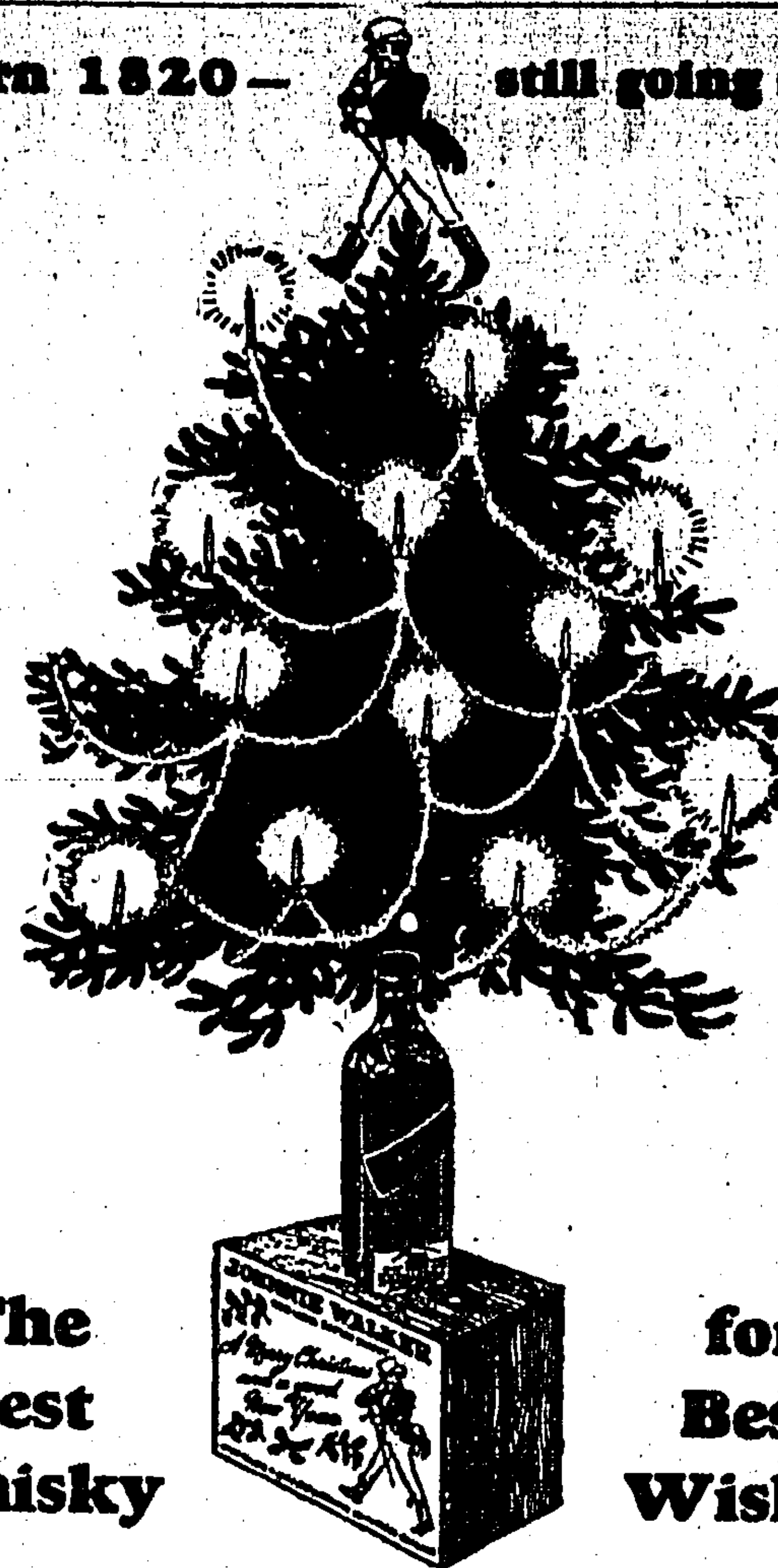
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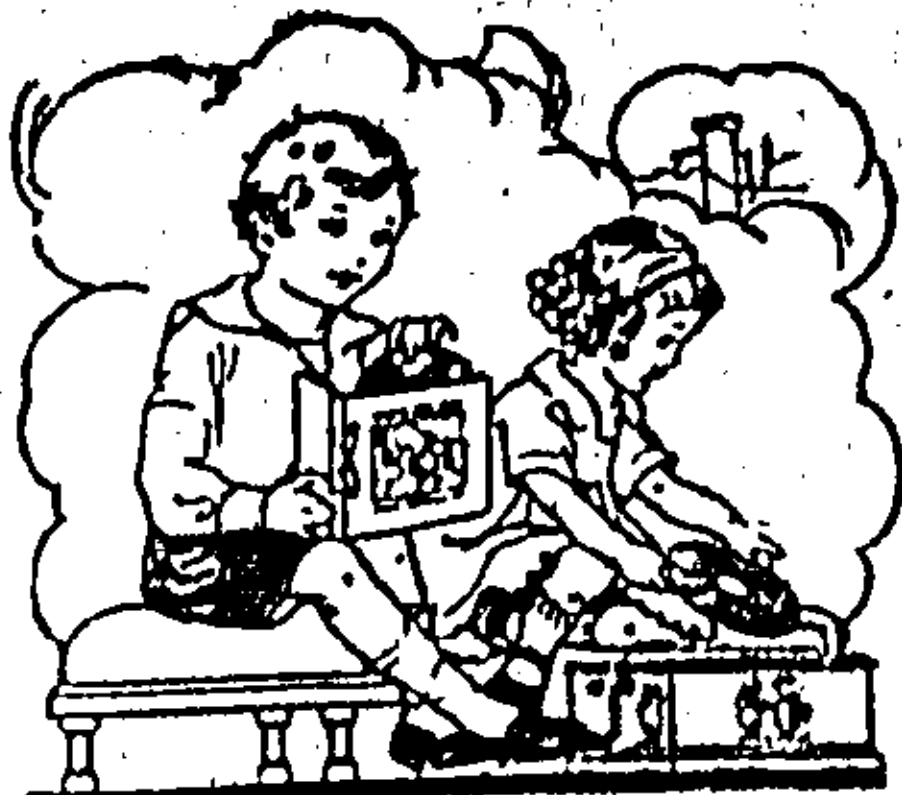
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Dancer of 21 Accused of Bigamy

A Liverpool school teacher, whose "wife," a 21-year-old dancer, was alleged to have bigamously married him, told the Liverpool magistrates recently that if her marriage to a man named Isaacs in South Africa was legal, he would marry her when she was free.

The girl's name was given as Doris Marguerite Isaacs, of Mossville Road, Garston, Liverpool, and she was remanded, charged with bigamously marrying Michael Francis O'Grady. The prosecution could not complete the case because an expert on the law of South Africa had to be called.

Isaacs was a member of a dancing troupe touring South Africa in October, 1930. It was stated, and became acquainted with a salesman named Walter Isaacs. In January of this year she was married to him in Petermaritzburg.

"I WAS UNDER AGE"
On her return to England the following month the girl resumed an acquaintanceship with Mr. O'Grady. On July 20 this year they went through a form of marriage at Liverpool.

When on August 31 Isaacs was seen by a detective who made a statement in which it was alleged she said she did not realise she had married Isaacs until she got some papers to sign.

"I had told him I was under age and he said give my age as 22," continued the statement. "I did not live with him as his wife and I left Durban the same week and did not see him any more. I did not think the marriage was binding."

"I was told by numerous people that as I was under 21 at the time and had not obtained my parents' consent it had not been a proper marriage."

Diogenes, Here He Is!

Fort Ross, Cal.
Diogenes in his search for a honest man missed a great opportunity by not being here. The occasion was the return of John Stockoff to pay back with interest a \$5 loan made him by Frank Thomas 48 years ago. Thomas had forgotten the loan.

BOY OF 16 DOES NOT KNOW REAL NAME

In spite of several days' search through marriage and birth certificates at Somerset House, the police failed to trace the identity of the parents of a 16-year-old boy who appeared at West London Juvenile Court as being in need of care and protection.

A man with whom the boy lived at Staines had been sent to prison for six months. He told a detective-sergeant: "I adopted the boy eight or nine years ago through a newspaper advertisement, but cannot remember which paper."

"I do not remember the boy's real name. The boy also does not know his real name or in which part of the country he used to live. He is to remain in the remand home while further inquiries are made."

Yachtswoman Marries Her Skipper

Oban.
Yachting romance was revealed at Oban recently, when Miss Florence Margaret Dudgeon, of Enmore, Mull, 35-year-old wealthy yachtswoman, was married before Sheriff Chalmers to black-bearded, 60-year-old James Andrew Bray, master mariner and captain of her auxiliary sailing yacht Ben Hiant.

The bride wore a Balmoral bonnet with a large feather attached and a tartan dress. No member of her family was present.

The couple travelled to Oban in the morning on the Mull mailboat Lochinvar.

WAS TRAWLER MASTER

Formerly master of a Brixham trawler, the bridegroom was signed on by Miss Dudgeon as captain of the Ben Hiant a few years ago when she was cruising in English waters. For 14 years the bride has lived almost

FIELD-MARSHAL CARRIED ASHORE

Field-Marshal Lord Birdwood, who attended the funeral of Kemal Ataturk, the Turkish dictator, was carried ashore with an injured foot when he arrived at Folkestone Harbour recently.

He was met by Lady Birdwood with a car and taken to his home, Deal Castle, Kent, where he was said to be improving. The injury is not serious.

Owing to an infected foot, caused by an accident in Paris, Lord Birdwood, who is 73, was unable to walk in the funeral procession at Angora, where he acted as the King's deputy.

wholly on board the Ben Hiant, which has a crew of four.

After the civil ceremony the couple walked back to the Lochinvar, which was gallily bedecked with flags and bunting, and returned to Mull. "We are very happy and have no plans for the future," Mrs. Bray said. "From now on, however, we hope to make the Ben Hiant our home."

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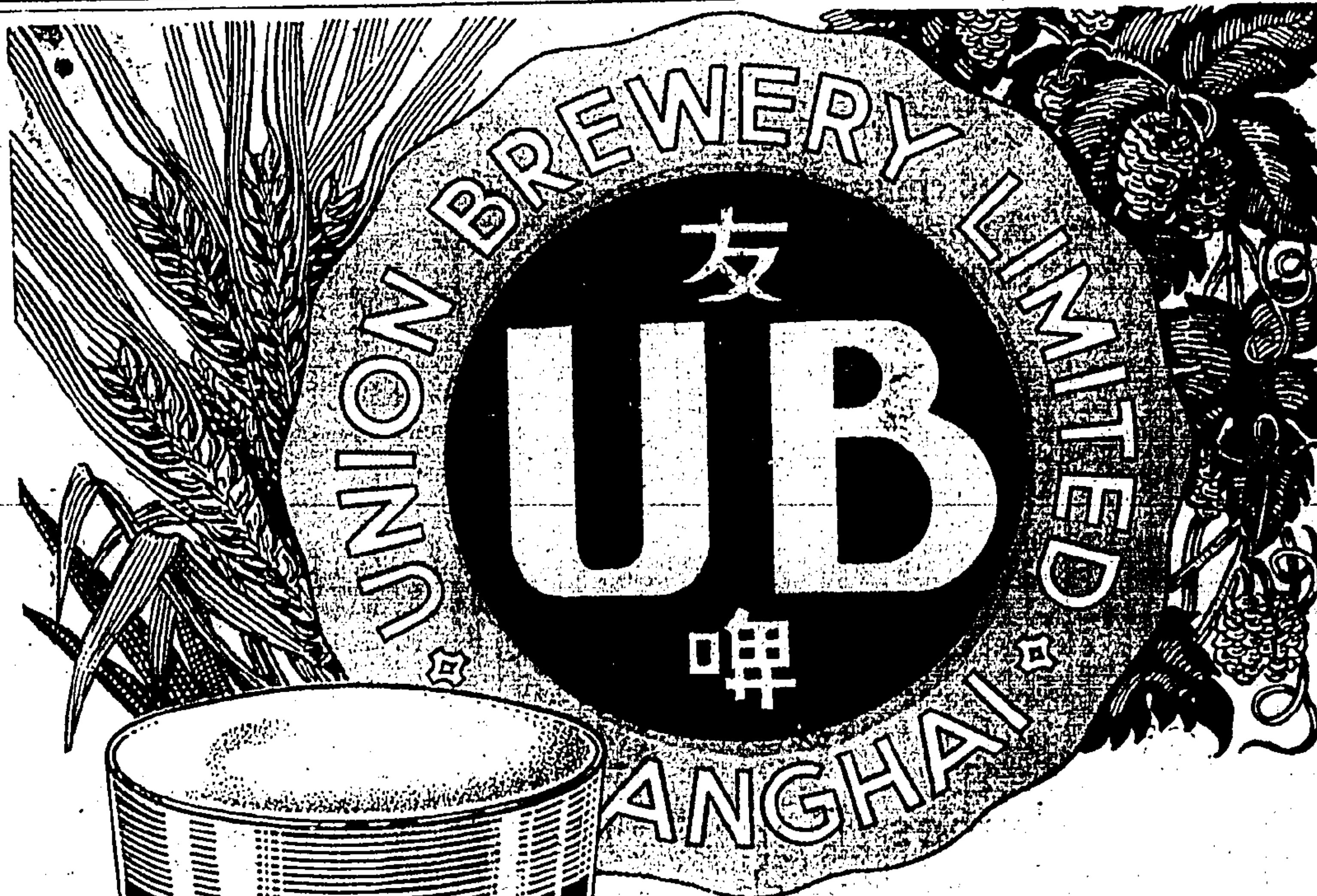
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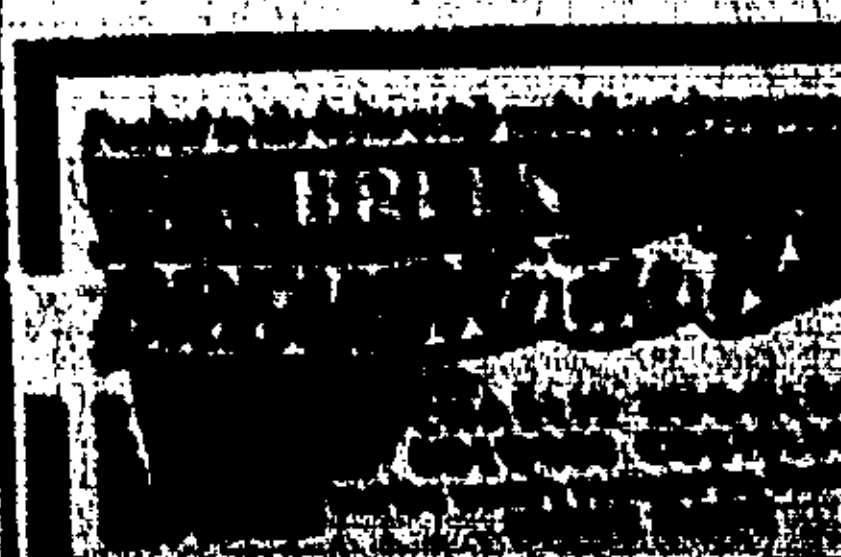
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DULL PLAY SEEN IN TENNIS SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. Skinner, Mrs. Tracey Successful

Mrs. Skinner and Mrs. Tracey entered the final of the Ladies Tennis doubles championship of the Colony yesterday by defeating Mrs. Burnett and Miss V. Bradbury at the United Services R. C. by 5-7, 6-0, 7-5.

For such a late stage of the competition, the standard of play seen was a trifle disappointing, with both pairs hugging the base-line, there was too little variation. Drives were the order of the day, and there was no volleying or smashing.

The younger pair took a lead of 2-1 in the first set, and though Mrs. Skinner and Mrs. Tracey levelled up at 4-4, Mrs. Burnett and Miss Bradbury led again at 5-4 and then 6-5, before breaking through Mrs. Tracey's service in the twelfth game to clinch the set.

Making many mistakes, Mrs. Burnett and Miss Bradbury were overwhelmed in the second set, which Mrs. Skinner and Mrs. Tracey won without conceding a single game through deep driving and steady play.

INTERESTING SET

The third set proved the most interesting. Mrs. Burnett and Miss Bradbury went ahead to 2-1 and then 3-1, only to be pulled up to 3-3. Then Mrs. Skinner and Mrs. Tracey took the lead at 4-3. However, the younger pair came back to win the eighth game to level the scores.

Leading 40-love on her service, Miss Bradbury had a great chance of annexing the all-important ninth game, but the opportunity was missed and Mrs. Skinner and Mrs. Tracey not only deuced the game but also won it to lead 5-4.

However, Mrs. Tracey also dropped her service, and the game was again squandered.

Then, as if too shy to succeed where the others had failed, Mrs. Burnett followed suit and lost her service, thus giving her opponents the lead at 6-5.

This time Mrs. Skinner made no mistake and held her service to win out at 7-5.

DULL EXCHANGES

All four players indulged in baseline stroking, and the winners, by their steadiness, emerged victorious. There were no volleys nor smashes, and at times the exchanges were very dull.

Miss Bradbury was more successful than Mrs. Burnett, but she showed a weakness in her backhand, which was exploited by her opponents. Mrs. Tracey was the better of the two winners, her splendid length and steady play carrying her partner through many a long rally.

Mrs. Skinner and Mrs. Tracey will now meet the winners of the Miss P. Anderson and Miss Young Wai-bun v. Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu match.



Douglas Hung, at the finish of a swing in the softball match between the Machine Gunners and the Chinese Baseballers. There is power in his swing, but unfortunately he missed the ball.—Photo by Jaffer.

ANOTHER ROMANCE RUMOURED

Mrs. Moody Again In Limelight

London, Nov. 25. An engagement may shortly be announced between Mrs. Helen Willis Moody, eight times winner of the Wimbledon lawn tennis singles championship, and Mr. Aidan Roark, thirty-two-year-old British international polo player, says the *Daily Express*.

Mrs. Moody, who is thirty-two, was granted a divorce at Reno (Nevada) in August after accusing her husband, a San Francisco stockbroker, of mental cruelty.

During her stay in Reno she said: "I wouldn't go so far as to say there isn't another man in my life, but I have no plans for marriage again right now."

Mr. Aidan Roark's first marriage, to Esther Moore, former wife of a wealthy rancher, was dissolved at Los Angeles. Mrs. Roark alleged he was "rude and brusque" to her.

Mr. Roark holds a post with Twentieth Century-Fox in Hollywood. He is tall, dark, handsome.

F.A. Cup Replay Ends In Draw

London, Dec. 14. In the second round re-play in the F.A. Cup, Mansfield, at home, battled to a 3-3 draw with Halifax to-day after extra time had been played.—*Reuter*.

Boon After Lightweight Boxing Title

Punching Ability Against Crowley's Greater Ringcraft

London, Dec. 14. One of the most thrilling lightweight boxing contests in years is anticipated at Harringway Arena tomorrow night when the Londoner, Dave Crowley, is defending his British championship against the 19-year-old blacksmith's assistant, Eric Boon, of Cambridgeshire.

The fight will be over 15 rounds. Boon undoubtedly will bank everything in his exceptional punching ability, but it is problematical whether he is capable of creating the necessary openings against the experienced ring-craft of Crowley, whose bobbing, weaving and non-stop methods make him a difficult target.—*Reuter*.

Squash

James Dear Wins British Open Title

London, Dec. 14. James Dear won the British open squash title to-day, beating A. E. Biddle by 6-9, 9-1, 9-2 and 9-6.

Dear won the first match last week by three games to two.

The Egyptian master, Amr Bey, who was holder of the title for five years, did not compete.—*Reuter*.

FOOTBALL TAUGHT BY EXPERTS

New York. Boys who want to learn football from "old masters" will have that opportunity in the Academy of Sport at the New York World's Fair 1939. Free classes in every department of the game are to be taught during September and October of next year by such expert coaches and players as Jim Crowley of Fordham, Mel Stevens of N.Y.U., "Pop" Warner of Temple, Lou Little of Columbia, "Chick" Meahan, Benny Friedman of C.C.N.Y., Larry Kelly of Foddie, Alexander Wojciechowski of the Detroit Lions and Marshall Goldberg of the University of Pittsburgh.—*United Press*.

OUR WEEKLY HOCKEY FEATURE

'The Pilgrim' on— IMPORTANCE OF THE CAPTAIN ON THE HOCKEY FIELD LEADERSHIP MAY HELP TO WIN MANY MATCHES

The ideal captain is born, though one may become very experienced by long acquaintance with sport and in the handling of men. The importance of electing a leader who has the power to command and to instruct cannot be over-estimated.

One often sees a captain going through the whole game without a remark or suggestion to his side, although he has possibly seen many instances of faulty passing, poor tactics or even cases of extreme selfishness. The good captain will dictate tactics in a kindly, yet authoritative manner and so secure the fullest confidence of his players. Players who may not have the in-born intuition to lead should not accept the position. The policy of making the best player your captain is a blunder of the first magnitude. I have seen many unwise actions of this kind.

The good captain should not be the bullying autocrat, but he can be termed the kind autocrat. Sound captaincy instils into a side perfect esprit de corps, and a strong captain can prevent little jars or incidents on the field by the exercise of tact and firmness. The passive captain is useless; he must lead or he fails.

CAPTAIN'S DUTIES

It is when the match is going against his side that his initiative and knowledge of what real captaincy means should be shown. A hint here and there, a change of position



Ribeiro, the brilliant young Recreio goal-keeper who has been showing consistently fine form this season.

or plan, encouragement of this or that player, and an ability to appreciate the respective temperaments of his men are big assets in successful captaincy.

On and off the field, the captain should be the leader—one of engaging personality whose word is accepted as final.

Already this season, our old friends, "barging" and "boring" are becoming more prominent than ever, whilst dangerous hitting by backs and halves has been regrettably frequent; this, along with the incorrect rolling-in, scooping the ball well up in the air in the circle and other faults need prompt attention.

In regard to the roll-in, why is it so difficult to get a man to know what the process of ROLLING is? "Hurling" is more like the general interpretation before long. I can see a new rule framed to cut it out simply, because players will not trouble to learn to play the game.

HELP THE UMPIRE

Captains may help to suppress foul play, though strict umpiring is the only solution; they should take particular pains to point out that it is the ignorance and inefficiency of their own players that is causing the frequent stoppages.

No illegality should be ignored in mid-field. Foul play is foul play wherever it occurs, and if a player uses his foot to push his stick at the ball, well, pull him up. Personally I think it a mistake to allow the foot to be used to support the stick at all, for a half or back to do so is manifestly unfair to the coming forward.

By giving their men friendly advice during a game, captains would be helping the umpires a great deal.

STANDINGS OF TEAMS IN THE H.K.H.A. TOURNEY

The following is the League Table in the H.K.H.A. Tournament:

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Radio & P.S.C.	5	4	0	1	14	4	9
Recreio	5	3	2	0	19	8	6
C.B.A.	4	2	2	0	9	7	4
Nomad	4	2	2	0	11	4	4
Police "A"	3	3	0	0	2	4	6
K.I.C.	3	1	1	1	10	7	3
R.A.O.C.	3	0	3	0	9	8	0
Police "B"	3	0	3	0	13	0	0

MACAO VISITS

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the Navy were unable to visit Macao last Sunday. Lt. Commr. Bowerman informs me, however, that he is sending a combined Navy XI to play Macao on January 8.

An Army Officers' team is making the trip on Sunday. The team on paper looks a good one and an interesting game should be seen.

SAMUEL TO RETURN TO MALAYA THIS MONTH Surprise Decision Of Badminton Champion

"I am sorry to tell you that I have decided to return to Malaya next month. I find it impossible to play on account of the cold. It is 48 degrees in my room, while outside it is worse."

A. S. Samuel, Malayan badminton champion, writes the above in a letter from London to a friend in Malaya. Recently it was stated that Samuel had been so sick on the voyage home that he felt it would take him at least six weeks to recover.

The whole tone of Samuel's letter indicates that he is unhappy under conditions in England and at the time of writing—at the end of last month—he had played only one game of badminton. The match was against Young at Cambridge and the Malayan champion won 6-15, 15-12, 15-6.

CONDITIONS DIFFERENT

Writing about the game he said: "Conditions are so different over here. It was so cold that I suffered more than I enjoyed the game." My feet were paralysed with cold and I could not run very much.

Samuel has entered for the Welsh championships in the singles, the mixed and the men's doubles.

He is convinced that it will be his only tournament in England.

With a view to inducing him to remain in England, his friends in Kuala Lumpur have sent him the following cable: "Letter received. Contents surprising. Insist remain another month."

Middlesex Success In Rugger Tie

London, Dec. 14. Middlesex scored an important victory in the County Rugby Championship to-day, beating Sussex at Boxhill by 27 points to 11.—*Reuter*.

PASSIVE CAPTAIN IS OF NO USE

UMPIRES FAIL TO TURN UP

A couple of teams participating in the H.K.H.A. Tournament have made complaints of the non-appearance of umpires who have been detailed to officiate at a game.

It is extremely annoying for any team to find itself in such a predicament, and I think the least an umpire could do is to phone the Secretary of the Umpires' Hockey Board if he is unable to officiate so that a substitute could be found in time.

It is the first occasion the Association has undertaken to run such a tournament, and mishaps of such a nature are not entirely unexpected. But teams, I think, would do well to have an umpire of their own ready. The Umpires Board will, I am sure, look into the matter if complaints are made in writing to the Secretary of the Board.



Miss Remedios, the Recreio Ladies' right wing, is playing very well at the moment.

HERE AND THERE WITH "PILGRIM"

BRILLIANT goal-keeping by young Ribeiro was the outstanding feature of the Recreio victory over the R.A.F. last Sunday. I can see this youngster having an important trial this season.

THE inclusion of J. Fonseca, from Shanghai, at inside-right made a great difference to the Recreio team, especially in the attack. The forwards were so impressive that a goal seemed inevitable, and quite rightly, Fonseca scored.

THOUGH their own goal was often subjected to great pressure, the R.A.F. might have equalised and quite possibly have won had it not been for the splendid tackling of W. A. Reed, R. Marques and J. Alves, the Recreio halves. The full-backs, Rodrigues and J. Goncalves, were excellent and cleared their ranks well. It was a great game and play went on without a dull moment.

R.A.F. showed second-half superiority, but their forwards were guilty of several misses. Had Woods, Bartlett and Medd been more cautious in front of goal, and brought the all-important flick shot into play, they would probably have won the match.

THE wing-halves, Miller and Kennedy fought with determination and the latter, considering his age, held out wonderfully well. Dawson was not quite at home and the bumpy surface spoiled his manoeuvring. Smeeton, at left back, was again prominent with his powerful clearances. The aviators' defence, in general, left nothing to be desired, but the attack lacked a sharp-shooting forward.

IT was a convincing win the "Y" Ladies scored at King's Park last Saturday when they defeated C.B.A. by 6-1. With only 10 players, the Champions thoroughly deserved their win. The forwards played well together and received good support from the halves. In the absence of

Miss A. Fowler, Mrs. Burke played the one-back game to perfection. One little bit of advice to Miss M. McCaw, the centre-half, who will be ruining her game if she continues to support her stick with her foot. She seems to be over-doing it of late and will soon be pulled up for obstruction unless she remedies this fault.

AND what was wrong with the C.B.A. Ladies? To me, the team was obviously suffering from lack of practice. The backs, Miss Everest and Miss Whitley, hung too far back and were shaky in their clearances. Miss I. Woolley, the pivot, was hard-working, but her defence at times fell to pieces, and could not master the fast-moving forwards. Mrs. White, as leader, played a lone game and had her efforts been supplemented by more effective work among the forwards, a closer result would certainly have been obtained. After their promising start, I hope the C.B.A. have not fallen away.

AFTER a good struggle in their Brawn Cup fixture last Saturday, Recreio "A" defeated C.B.A. by 2-0. Miss C. Silva, at centre-forward, was a big menace in the Recreio raids and Miss Remedios, on the right wing, did some dazzling work. I was glad to see the display given by Miss Omond at right-half; she is only a junior player and deserves her position in the team. The more experienced Miss Botelho, at left back, was a pillar of strength. As a team, the Portuguese girls played together well. If they happen to win their remaining fixtures, the Brawn Cup will be theirs.

THE C.B.A. Ladies started well but their forwards could make no impression, and many promising attacks were held up by bad combination. Nevertheless, the defence was served by three great defenders, Miss Bone, Miss Black and Miss Dunn. It was anything but a classic display, but there was at least honest endeavour.

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New Curtains

WHEN you decide to tackle the job of making new curtains it would be ridiculous to over-estimate difficulties as far as cutting and stitching is concerned. Still, if your new window-dressing is to prove a complete success, there are quite a few points that you should consider before even buying the material.

First of all, decide on the length of curtain you need. This depends on the particular type of window. If it is a casement, the hangings look best when cut to fall about three inches below the sill, unless the window is in an embrasure, and then, for convenience sake, the curtains must just clear the sill.

French windows require hangings to reach the floor, and full-length curtains will best suit sash-windows, too, if the room is low. Small windows can be made to look larger by hanging the curtains a little above and beyond the sides of their wooden frames.

White or Cream

In the opinion of any expert window-dresser, curtains should be uniform in colour, and preferably white, or perhaps cream, if you want your house to look its biggest and the windows their freshest. It is easy to prove the soundness of this theory by walking down any street and viewing the house fronts critically in point of curtains.

Supposing, however, that you have a room at the back which has an ugly outlook, break this rule of colour uniformity in curtains, and

indulge your fancy for pink, gold, silver, or flower-patterned net. A slight shrinkage at the first washing is almost inevitable, and, for that reason, you should be generous with your allowances for length and width. Allow fully five inches for the lower hems, and, at least, two inches for the top headings.

Skimpy window hangings have little charm, so allow a width of curtain one and three quarters that of the window itself, with four extra inches for the side hems. A pretty finish for little net curtains is a heading outside that allowed for rod or wire runner.

Value of a Pelmet

"Is a pelmet necessary?" is a question sometimes asked by novices in curtain-making. "Not necessary," is the reply, "but very desirable as a decorative finish to the curtains and window." A pelmet should be stiffened with canvas and lined, and cut with a shaped lower edge. With patterned curtains it looks well cut in plain fabric. A gathered frill is a simpler finish and more suitable with thinish curtains.

One very good reason for lining your long window-hangings is that the linings can be all the same colour, even if the curtains themselves are different, and it is the lining that look on the street. A second very practical advantage of the lining is that it takes most of the wear and catches most of the dirt and is, therefore, very saving to the curtains themselves.

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HIGH spot of the festive tea-party is the handsomely iced cake. Decorating this is one of the most fascinating of your Christmas cookery jobs.

There are several points to remember for successful icing.

Buy best quality icing sugar, and sieve it several times before using it, and then use it immediately.

When using icing for piping, keep the sides of the basin free from sugar. And keep the top of the basin covered with muslin wrung out in very cold water, this prevents the icing hardening.

To thicken it, add more sieved sugar; if you need to thin it, add a little white of egg.

Long beating is essential to obtain a smooth icing.

If adding colouring, keep to pastel shades, they are so much more suitable for cakes.

If the cake is slightly raised in the centre, cut a thin slice off. Brush the top and sides of the cake with white of egg, to make the almond paste adhere.

Almond Paste

Most people like to find a layer of this under the white icing.

Ingredients: 1lb. ground almonds, 1lb. sieved icing sugar, 1lb. caster sugar, the yolks of two large eggs, a few drops of lemon juice, two teaspoonfuls of brandy.

Knead the ingredients well together, then roll out a round to fit the top of the cake.

Turn the cake upside down and cover the sides, keeping a good edge round the top of the cake itself.

Next, put it on an icing stand, or on an inverted cake tin a size smaller than the cake. Cover with a piece of muslin and keep in a warm place for several days.

This makes the almond paste firm and prevents the oil from the almonds penetrating into the Royal icing.

Many people complain that their icing becomes discoloured; this is because the icing is put on too soon.

Royal Icing

Popular covering for the cake.

Ingredients: 2lb. sieved icing sugar, 1 teaspoonful acetic acid, the whites of four eggs, three teaspoonfuls of lemon juice.

Put the whites of the eggs into a basin, add the icing sugar (sieved several times), gradually, and work well with a wooden spoon.

When the icing presents a very smooth and white appearance, add the lemon juice and acid and blend together thoroughly.

Place the cake on the icing table. Use a palette knife and spread icing over the top and sides. Smooth very

carefully with the knife across top and round sides until a flat, smooth finish is obtained. Dip the knife frequently in hot water while doing this. Allow the icing to harden for two days.

Decoration Ideas

To decorate, place the cake on a cakeboard and pipe a border round the base of the cake. A forcing bag is required for this. Repeat the border on top edge.

If you have not a forcing bag, you can make one with strong, pliable parchment paper. Cut a 9-inch square, then cut it across diagonally to make two triangles. Shape a triangle into a cone like old-fashioned sweet bags.

Out off a very small piece at the bottom of the paper cone and carefully fit in a tube.

A "leaf" tube is very effective for the edges of the top of the cake. These are obtainable at most confectioners or pastrycooks. They cost from 6d. to 1s.

Put the icing into the bag or cone, not filling it quite full.

Turn the top over so that icing does not ooze out at the top. The leaf can be forced on to the cake, or the leaves can be forced on parchment paper left to dry, then arranged round the cake afterwards.

The top of the cake can be decorated in many ways. On the cake photographed here, the lake was made by spreading on some rather thinner icing coloured blue with cooking colouring. A snow effect is obtained

by spreading icing and raising it in peaks with a knife.

Any figures or animals should be placed on before the icing has set.

A needlework transfer makes another unusual decoration. It can be a spray of flowers, or the old-fashioned lady with a large hat and a basket of country flowers.

Place the transfer on the cake, and prick the outlines with a needle, remove the paper and ice the outline with a writing tube.

The decorating of the sides of the cake is more difficult than the top, if you are not experienced with decorations. A piece of pastel-shaded satin ribbon tied round the cake with an artistic bow looks attractive.

Iced Fairy Cakes

These always appeal to the children. The icing must not be sticky. Here is one most suitable for little cakes in paper cases.

Ingredients: 1lb. best quality icing sugar, 1 white of egg, 2 drops of acetic acid to whiten the icing.

Sieve the icing sugar twice, make a well in the centre, and stir in the beaten egg white and the two drops of acetic acid. Beat until very smooth, place a little on the top of each small cake, and spread with a knife dipped in hot water.

When nearly set, decorate with "hundreds and thousands," a glacé cherry, or a little desiccated coconut. You could also use chocolate icing, decorated with a blanched split almond and angelica.

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E. & A. SHIP DEPARTS ON SCHEDULE

AUSTRALIAN WATERSIDE workers in Sydney did not make good their threat to tie up the E. & A. liner Nellore.

A cablegram was received by the Hongkong agents yesterday, stating that the Nellore had departed for Hongkong on schedule.

Watersiders announced earlier this week that unofficial sanctions would be applied against any ship carrying iron ore, scrap metal or other cargoes suspected of being destined for Japan, which could be used by that country as war materials in the conflict with China.

According to a message from Sydney, the watersiders refused to load a cargo of iron ore into the Nellore at Piermont.

Similar action was threatened regarding portion of the cargo awaiting dispatch to Hongkong by the steamer Taitung.

The Hongkong office of the Eastern and Australian Line, agents for the Nellore, informed the "Telegraph" this morning that the ship had departed from Sydney on schedule.

No news had been received in Hongkong of any delay to the vessel's loading.

CHINESE MORALE

Given Tribute by U.S. Marine Officer

Honolulu, Dec. 14.

Captain Evans Carlson, of the United States Marine Corps, retired ex-attache of the American Legation Guard Hankow, Nanking and Chungking, arrived here aboard the U.S.S. Chaumont to-day. He recently travelled on foot and horse-back behind the Japanese lines.

The spirit of nationalism was spreading in the interior, bringing new stiffened Chinese morale and new courage, he said. The only discouragement was in the coastal cities.

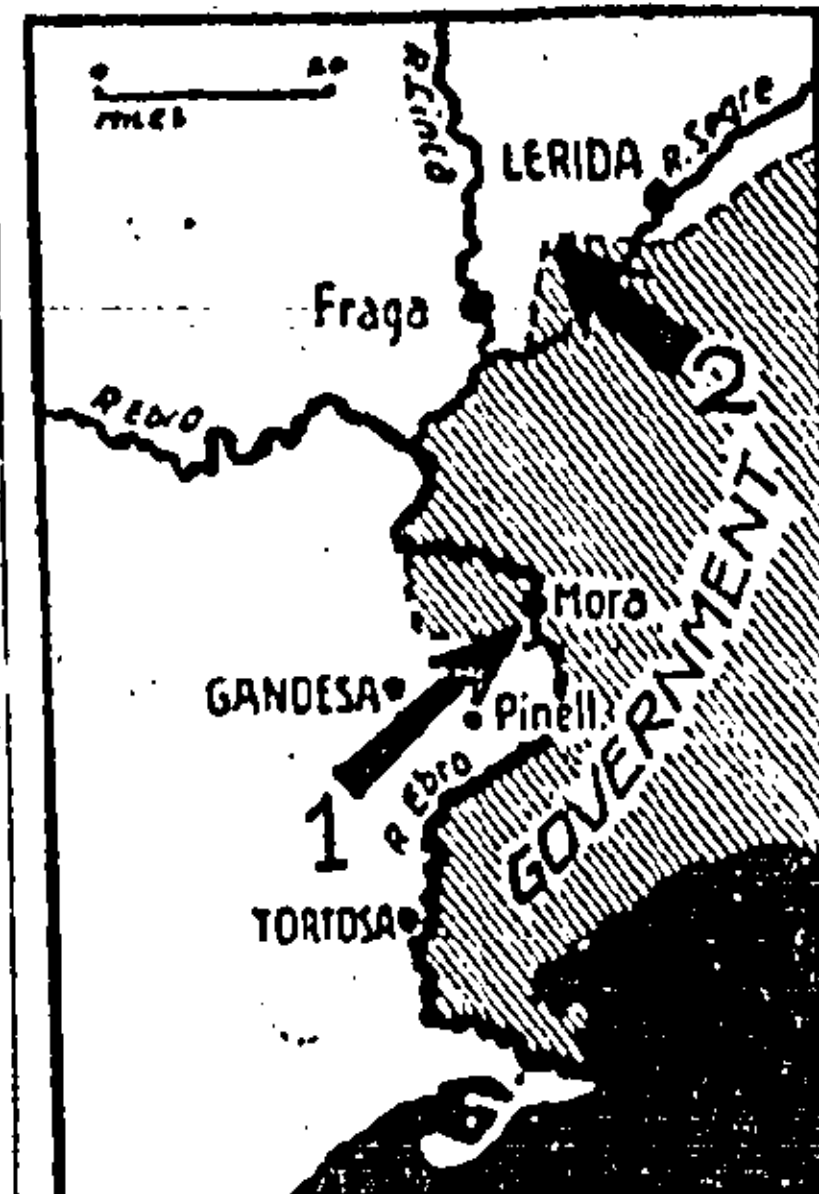
"Chiang Kai-shek has not lost face at the fall of Hankow and is still regarded as the symbol of Chinese unity," he continued. "The guerilla attacks are an increasingly important factor in Chinese strategy. The spread of nationalism from the northern provinces is largely attributed to the work of Chinese Communists, as a result of a decade of experience in organising and propaganda work."

—United Press.

SPAIN'S BATTLE FIELDS

1—Franco's effort to roll up the Ebro salient reaches a climax. He claims that 150,000 Loyalists have been cleared from the south.

2—Loyalists cut the Fraga-Lerida highway in the north and completely halt the insurgent advance on the Segre.



INSURGENT OFFENSIVES FIZZLE OUT

HENDAYE, Dec. 14.

THE LOYALISTS have reported that two insurgent attacks were repulsed on the central fronts, one in the Maganera region, and the other south-west of Teruel.

The first attack was made yesterday morning, and was met by intensive Loyalist machine-gun barrages from positions on the heights, while the Loyalists were not shaken by the strong artillery fire which preceded the attack.

In the afternoon another attack was attempted. The Loyalists claim to have broken the drive without being forced to leave the front-line trenches.

According to a Valencia report, the insurgent infantry was forced to retreat in complete disorder, losing several scores of men.

After the unsuccessful attacks, calm was restored.

MINES EXPLODE
The Loyalists are reported to have exploded two counter mines in one of the cities, destroying the insurgent gallery in the course of construction. Similarly in the Villa Verde sector, the Loyalists exposed an important mine system which was being built by the insurgents, and succeeded in blasting it away, causing heavy losses to the insurgent troops working in it.

Calm is reported from the other fronts, activity on the Segre River being limited to rifle duels at relief hours.

Another report from Saragossa states that all has been calm on the front for the last 24 hours. On the Castellon front troops have devoted their time to improvement of front-line fortifications, where the work is hindered by constant rain.

The insurgents have reported that several Loyalist militiamen perished from the poor visibility to desert to the insurgents in the Nules region.

It is also reported that an insurrection occurred at the Cartagena military port last week as the result of the punishment of a Spanish sailor by a foreign naval officer, attached to a Loyalist cruiser.

The officer was attacked by sailors, thrown into the sea, and drowned.

—United Press.

Radiophone Tolls Are Cheaper

London, Dec. 14.

The Postmaster-General announces that on December 23 and 24, and from December 26 to January 4 inclusive, radio-telephone rates for the following countries are to be reduced by half.

The Argentine, Australia, Brazil, Chile, Dutch East Indies, Egypt, Iceland, Japan, Kenya, Malaya, New Zealand, Paraguay, Rhodesia, South Africa, Siam, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

Examples of the reduced charges for a three-minute call are: to South Africa £2.5, Egypt £1.10s, and India, £1.14s.—Reuter.

G. O. C. In Malaya Has Successor

London, Dec. 14.

Major-General L. V. Bond, Commandant of the School of Engineering, has been appointed G.O.C., of Malaya, in succession to Major-General W. G. S. Dobbie, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., whose tenure of office expires in August, 1939.—Reuter.

Japan's Intentions: Butler Can't Tell

London, Dec. 14.

Mr. R. A. Butler replied in the negative when asked if he had been officially informed of future Japanese intentions as to foreign capital investments in China in all enterprises considered essential to defence, and economically necessary to Japan.—Reuter.

Poster Parade In Shopping Centres

London, Dec. 14.

Prominent Society people, stage and film actors, including Lady Layton, Lady Gladstone and Lady Violet Bonham-Carter are taking part in a poster parade amid Christmas shoppers on December 19, protesting against the "barbarous bombardment of Chinese civilians by the Japanese."

The parade is organised by the British National Committee of the International Peace Campaign, and it will also urge shoppers to refuse to buy Japanese goods.—Reuter.

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Soldier in Hongkong Rejoins His Mother

LONDON, Dec. 14.

THE CONSIDERATE ACTION of the War Office in ordering the special release of Corporal John Walker of Hongkong, has brought joy to his mother who is on the danger list at St. Leonard's Hospital.

It was the mother's constant calls for her only son that induced Mr. E. Thurtle, Labour member for Shoreham, to intervene with the War Office, who telegraphed instructions that Corporal Walker's leave was to be advanced to enable him to hurry home.

The troopship Dorchester had sailed the previous day, but Walker caught the Gneisenau and reached Southampton to-night, a day ahead of the Dorchester.

His mother has been markedly improved since hearing that her son was returning, and she was better still when informed that John had arrived and would visit her in the morning.—Reuter.

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U.S. DECORATIONS FOR BRITISH NAVAL OFFICERS



The American Ambassador in London, Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, acting on behalf of President Roosevelt, recently decorated British naval officers for their assistance to survivors of the American gunboat *Fanay*, which was bombed and sunk by Japanese planes near Nanking last December. Mr. Kennedy is seen shaking hands with Mr. Christopher Holt, who received the Distinguished Service Medal on behalf of his father, Rear-Admiral R. V. Holt, now serving as Senior Naval Officer, Yangtze. Other officers decorated were, left to right: Vice-Admiral L. J. E. Crabbe (Navy Cross), Capt. G. E. M. O'Donnell (Distinguished Service Medal), Lt.-Comdr. H. D. Barlow (Navy Cross).

Taipan Gives Evidence In Club Libel Claim

Alleging that an attack had been made on his reputation through the alleged posting of his name at the Hongkong Jockey Club in Happy Valley, Mr. T. H. Brayfield, well-known local Taipan of Messrs. Carmichael and Clarke, marine surveyors, instituted a claim for unstipulated damages for alleged libel in the Supreme Court this morning.

The court was crowded by European spectators, who included many prominent taipans and a large number of ladies.

A special jury was empanelled. It comprised Messrs. J. Fleming, (foreman) R. M. McLay, C. Champkin, T. B. Wilson, Lo Yuk-tong, E. H. Geare and L. Dunbar.

Two Kings Counselors, Mr. Eldon Potter and Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Messrs. Johnston, Stokes and Master, appeared for the Jockey Club. Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, represented Mr. Brayfield.

When the jury was called, Mr. S. T. Butlin was allowed to stand down when it was pointed out by Mr. Eldon Potter that he was an official of the Club. The name of Mr. V. Sorby was also called, but without result.

Opening the case for the plaintiff, Mr. Macnamara said the action was one of libel—an attack had been made on Mr. Brayfield's reputation.

Mr. Brayfield was a man who had been in the Colony for a great number of years; he was principal of the firm of Carmichael and Clarke, marine surveyors, and, from a social point of view, he was a Justice of the Peace and a keen racing man.

Not only did he keep ponies for racing at the Jockey Club, but he also had a private stable and was an expert on horse breeding.

"The plaintiff in this case was posted at the Jockey Club as a defaulter," said Mr. Macnamara.

"Being classed as a defaulter is a serious aspersion on the honour of a person. It means that one would not pay up one's bills."

"It is not suggested in this case that Mr. Brayfield could not pay, since the account in question was between \$130 and \$140 of which he paid up all but the \$9.10 which is the subject of dispute."

"All through this case, the jury will hear references to malice and I will point out now that this did not mean ordinary spitefulness but, in the legal sense, unjustifiable use of certain words by one person about another."

"His Lordship will direct you on the question of privilege whether the posting of Mr. Brayfield was a privileged act or not; then you shall have to consider the extent of the malice and we can still succeed if we can show malice in the publication."

"We do not have to show that the defendants were actually spiteful but that they made the publication about the plaintiff when it was not justified and that they knew they had all the facts of the case."

"They knew that he disputed the facts and yet, with their eyes open,

Britain To Act FINANCIAL AID FOR CHINA SAID NEAR

LONDON, Dec. 15.

The British Government is considering the possibility of granting financial aid to China in order to counteract the Japanese economic drive.

This information was published in the Financial Times this morning on the authority of its Lobby Correspondent, who adds that the British move is contemplated as an answer to Japan's abrogation of the Open Door policy and Nine-Power Treaty.—*Reuter*.

U.S. To Make Big Loan To China, Reported

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.

IT IS RELIABLY REPORTED that the Export and Import Bank are planning to loan China \$25,000,000, presumably for motor-trucks and motor fuel.

Wounded Men Stagger Into H.K.

ANOTHER FOUR WOUNDED Chinese soldiers staggered across the Hongkong frontier yesterday afternoon.

They received their wounds on December 1—fourteen days ago.

Since then they have been attempting to reach British territory.

Their festering wounds, received from Japanese machine guns and, in one case, shrapnel, have received no attention.

Many days they have been foodless.

They were unbelievable pictures of misery and dejection when they finally crossed the border after untold privations.

But now their worries are over.

Ambulances immediately brought them into the Kowloon Hospital where they were washed and their wounds were dressed.

The four men state they belonged to the ill-fated 153rd Division. They were wounded in fighting in the Shangkai area.

they put his name on the board as a defaulter.

The correspondence between the parties set out these facts:

"On March 10, Mr. Brayfield wrote to the Jockey Club to the effect that he had received his bill for the previous month and found that it contained the name of the plaintiff."

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Plane Plants Boom

Pasadena, Cal.

Los Angeles county's youngest industry, that of airplane manufacturing, is getting out of the infant class.

Three major concerns in one month received new contracts for \$32,000,000 worth of planes.

59 CHICKENS IN CRATE Man Fined \$10 for Cruelty to Birds

A man who admitted to packing 59 chickens in three small baskets, appeared in Central Court this morning.

He was fined \$10.

Inspector W. A. Russell, who prosecuted, said that it appeared inconceivable that the baskets could hold more than thirty chickens.

The birds were so tightly packed together that two of them had died.

One of the baskets contained 59 birds.

Stricken English Woman Aboard

A DRAMATIC FLIGHT AGAINST TIME, WITH AN ENGLISH WOMAN PASSENGER, SUFFERING AGONY FROM ACUTE APPENDICITIS, WAS COMPLETED BY THE AIR FRANCE PASSENGER PLANE, VILLE DE BEGREUTH, PILOTED BY CAPTAIN M. DUFOUR, WHEN THE MACHINE LANDED AT KAI TAK A FEW MINUTES AFTER HALF PAST TWELVE TO-DAY.

An ambulance, requested by radio from the plane, stood waiting and ready at the airport.

Within two minutes of the machine coming to a standstill the patient was rushed to the Kowloon Hospital, where an immediate operation was found to be necessary.

The principal figure in this drama of the air was Miss Sanders, a young, flame-headed English lady from Yunnan, who made the trip deliberately from the Chinese city to Hongkong in order to undergo an operation for appendicitis.

Realising that an operation would be necessary, Miss Sanders set off via Hanoi, and during the first stage of the journey had no idea her condition had become acute.

But at Hanoi, where she transhipped to the Air France plane, the trouble became serious and her condition rapidly worsened.

PLANE ALL OUT

For four and a quarter hours from the time the air liner left Hanoi until it landed at Kai Tak, she suffered agony, and when she was lifted on a stretcher from the machine this morning, and placed into the waiting Kowloon Fire Brigade ambulance, her face was contorted with pain.

In company with two other European and six Chinese passengers, she had been raced through the sky at 180 miles an hour, the pilot putting the plane all out in his endeavours to land the patient in Hongkong as quickly as possible.

During the journey, her fellow passengers, which included Mr. S.S. Geddart, a Briton, and Mr. Crosswell, an American, did everything possible to ease her pain.

An indication of the unstinting efforts of the pilot to get the patient to Hongkong as quickly as possible, is revealed by the fact that the stay at Fort Bayard occupied only 20 minutes. Then

DOGS, CATS USED FOR FOOD

THE MYSTERY of the disappearance of several dogs in the vicinity of Hollywood Road is believed to have been cleared up as a result of a police raid on an unlicensed eating-house in Kau Kai Fong Road.

The raid revealed a nauseating sight.

On the tables in the eating room were several dishes of cooked dogs' flesh.

Further investigation brought to light the carcasses of several dogs, boilers containing cooked dogs' flesh, and a dead cat that had just been scraped.

Tied up in the kitchen was a live dog.

Arising out of the raid, which was made in response to a complaint, a Chinese named Wong Kwong was charged at the Central Magistracy this morning with keeping an unlicensed eating-house.

He was remanded for 24 hours in police custody.

Italian Air Route To South America

Rome, Dec. 14.

The President of the Italian Airways Company has informed Signor Mussolini that the company will shortly open a regular air service between Italy and South America—Trans-Ocean.

FRANCE WILL AID BRITAIN WITH ALL HER POWER

PARIS, Dec. 14.

"I DECLARE in the name of the French Government that all land, sea and air forces would spontaneously and immediately be utilised to defend Great Britain in a case of unprovoked aggression."

M. Paul Bonnet, the French Foreign Minister made this striking declaration when he addressed the Foreign Affairs Committee to-day.

Simultaneously, it is rumoured, though not confirmed, that Herr Hitler has personally sent his Adjutant, Captain Fritz Weidemann to Paris, and that Captain Weidemann has arrived secretly with Herr Hitler's answer whether Germany would aid Italy in the event of an Italo-French war.

M. Bonnet said that Signor Mussolini had disavowed responsibility for the anti-French demonstrations, which the "French Government now disregards, as merely Italian press politics."—*United Press*.

BRITAIN'S ASSURANCE REGARDING TUNIS

London, Dec. 14.

Asked in the House of Commons to give an assurance Britain would regard an attack by Italy on any French possessions as an unfriendly act, Mr. Chamberlain replied that an undertaking in respect of the status quo in the Mediterranean was embodied in the Anglo-Italian agreement, and would certainly be applied to Tunis, and any action contrary to that agreement would be a matter of great concern to the Government.

The Government, however, could not contemplate the possibility of such an attack as suggested.—*Reuter*.

into the air again, and the race against time continued at 180 miles an hour.

When the plane landed at Hongkong, which had received a radio message asking for preparations to be made to receive Miss Sanders, the Kowloon Fire Brigade ambulance was waiting at the airfield, while everything was in readiness at the Kowloon Hospital, whence the woman was rushed.

Miss Sanders' mother and Mr. Skinn were also at Kai Tak to receive the plane, and they accompanied her in the ambulance to the hospital. However, they refused to reveal their identities, neither would they divulge any information about Miss Sanders.

CONDOR PLANE ON SECRET TRIP TO HONGKONG

A CONDOR MONOPLANE left Berlin secretly two days ago and is now on the way to Hongkong, via Manila, according to a revelation made at Kai Tak this afternoon.

The German Consul has sought permission for the plane to land at Kai Tak, probably in two days' time.

Mercy Mission To Boy King

WHILE AN AIR FRANCE plane was speeding to Hongkong with a stricken English lady aboard suffering from acute peritonitis, another French plane was rushing to dense jungle 250 miles inland from Saigon on a second errand of mercy.

In his case the victim was the boy King of Annam.

He met with an accident some distance from his capital, whilst hunting.

An S.O.S. was flashed to Saigon and a special plane, carrying a surgeon, nursing sisters and medical supplies, was immediately despatched to the scene of the accident.

The young King will be conveyed to Saigon in the plane, says a Trans-Ocean message.

BRITISH TRADE SHRINKS

LONDON, Dec. 14.

Overseas trade returns for November show imports valued at £78,028,486 as against £79,034,886 in the preceding month, and £97,268,371 in November of last year.

Exports at £42,025,223, compare with £47,559,006 in October, and £45,183,169 in November of 1937.

Corresponding figures for re-exports were £5,113,912 for November, £5,445,993 for October, and £5,305,540 for November 1937.—*British Wireless*.

Jewels Stolen In Hotel Robbery

Unknown thieves entered a room at Marble Hall Hotel, in Kowloon yesterday afternoon, during the absence of the occupant, Mrs. S. Hamilton.

The stolen jewellery is valued at \$25.

Other robbery cases reported to the police included the theft of \$320 from the jacket of Wu Wang, stall-holder at the Western Market. The money was extracted from his jacket while it was hanging on the wall of the stall.

Cost Of New U.S. Battleship A Record

Washington, Dec. 14.

It is learned that President Roosevelt is studying an unofficial National Defence Committee recommendation, calling for the construction of one of the largest and most powerful super-dreadnoughts in history.

Tentative plans give the vessel at slightly under 45,000 tons, with an approximate length of 710 feet, and armed with twelve 16-inch guns.

It will cost nearly \$100,000,000.

It is authoritatively stated that President Roosevelt has decided to ask for funds for at least two battleships in 1939, but he has not decided on the development of super-warships.

Official quarters indicate that the new budget estimates may exceed \$700,000,000.—*United Press*.

Unhappy Lovers Create A Problem

Zagreb, Dec. 14.

Unhappy lovers who chose suicide as the method for ending their troubles are causing a problem to the trustees of St. Stephen's Cathedral.

During the past few weeks, seven men and women have leapt to their deaths from the two Gothic towers of the Cathedral.

The authorities, perturbed at the wave of self-murder by unhappy lovers, has decided to prohibit public access to the southern Tower.—*Trans-Ocean*.

LOWEST FORM OF THEFT Magistrate Orders Cane For Youth

"I THINK SNATCHING from old women is the lowest and most disgusting form of theft."

With this remark, Mr. R. A. D. Forrest ordered a 20-year-old unemployed youth, Mak Ming, eighteen strokes of the cane this morning.

Mak, in addition, will be imprisoned for a week.

He was convicted of snatching a gold bracelet from a 72-year-old woman while she was walking down the street.

Police revealed that the youth had been one for a similar offence.

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French Concession in Wuhan Isolated by Japanese FOOD, WATER SUPPLIES ARE REFUSED

*Kweilin's Agony:
This Is What War
On Civilians
Does In China*



HOLOCAUST in a provincial capital. This dramatic photograph was taken in Kweilin, capital of Kwangsi province, during an air raid on December 6. Enormous damage was done in a series of Japanese raids during the first week of December, the toll running into many hundreds of non-combatant lives and millions of dollars worth of damage.

Plenary Powers For Czech Government

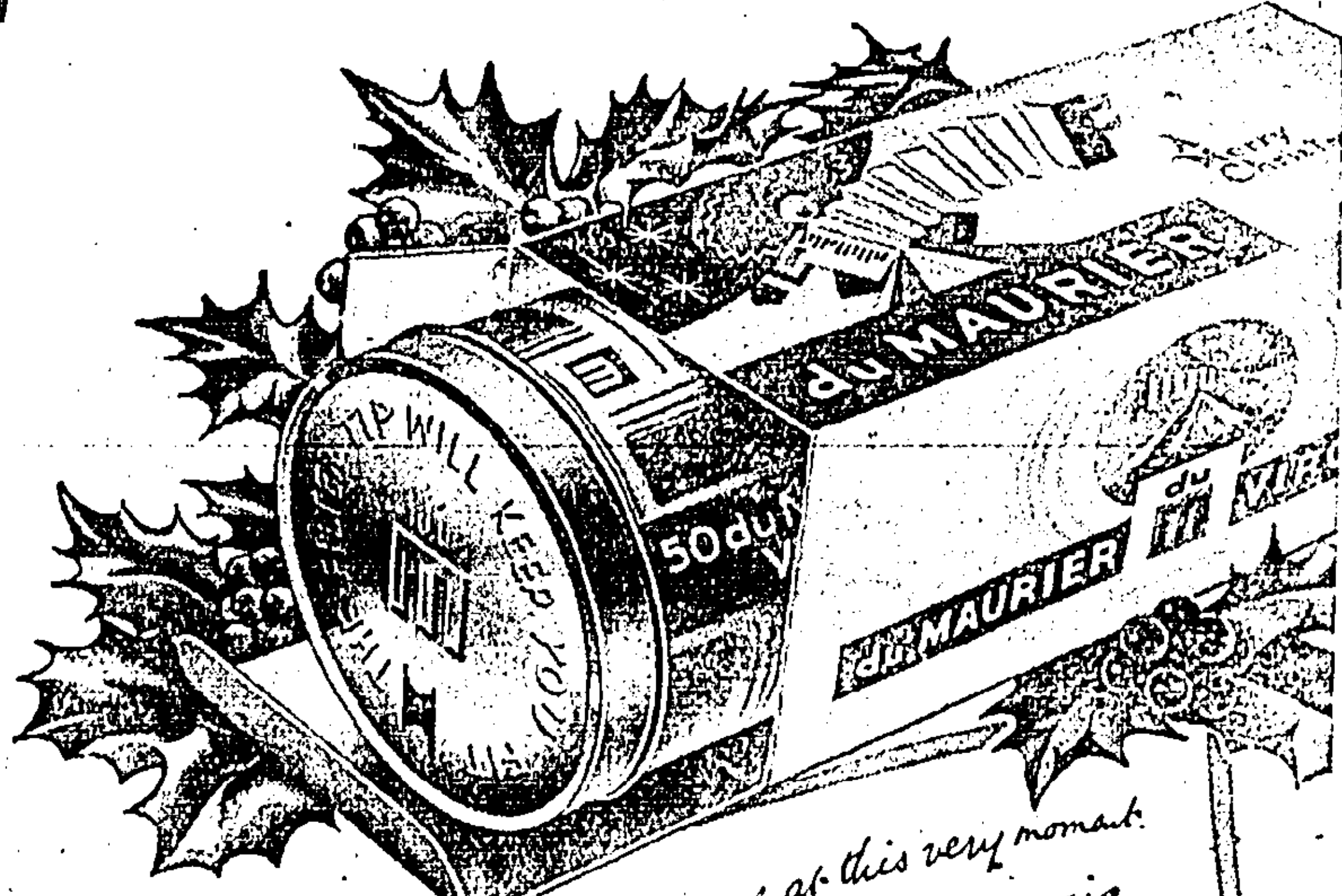
Prague, Dec. 14.
The Czechoslovak Parliament, by 148 votes to 16, to-day according to

Government plenary powers for two years, thus giving it a free hand to proceed with plans for social and economic reconstruction.

When the session ends this week, Parliament is unlikely to meet again until certain parties, including the Communists, have been completely

dissolved. Herr Kundt, leader of the Germans, is remaining in Czechoslovakia, and has promised support for the Government "so long as the rights of the minority, whose leader is Adolf Hitler, are respected."—*Reuter*.

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SHANGHAI, Dec. 14.
A SERIOUS SITUATION has arisen in Hankow as the result of a dispute between the Japanese and French authorities there.

The dispute has culminated in the stoppage by the Japanese of all food supplies from reaching the French Concession.

In addition, the water supply to the Concession has been cut off by the Japanese.

These measures have been taken by the Japanese in retaliation for the refusal of the responsible French authorities in the Concession to hand over to the Japanese certain anti-Japanese elements which have sought asylum there.

The situation is described as serious, especially as the French Concession is crisscrossed full of Chinese refugees.

The French authorities have reported to Paris on the situation and have asked for instructions.—*Trans-Ocean*.

SUPPLIES RUN LOW

A "Reuter" message adds that the French refusal to hand over anti-Japanese elements among the refugees in the French Concession has caused increased retaliation by the Japanese.

Supplies in the Concession, which is only half a mile square and is teeming with refugees, are running low, and only a limited supply of water can be obtained by pumping from wells and the river. The available water supply is insufficient to meet sanitation needs, and the Japanese measures are consequently causing the most pressing problem.

ACUTE CRISIS NEAR

Paris, Dec. 14.
The Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Sugimura, has left via Marseilles for Tokyo, where he will retire at his own request.

His retirement is possibly due to health reasons, but the French press insists that it is because he disagrees with Tokyo's anti-French and pro-Italian and German policies.

It is stated that he will not be replaced immediately, and the newspaper "L'ordre" predicts that Franco-Japanese relations are entering an acute crisis.—*United Press*.

20 YEARS IN PRISON

Sensational Paris Trial of Woman

PARIS, Dec. 14.
TWENTY YEARS' hard labour was the sentence passed to-day on Madame Skoblin, accused of taking part in a kidnapping plot.

The proceedings lasted altogether nine days.

The jury considered that sufficient proof had been advanced to show that Madame Skoblin had been engaged in espionage work for Soviet Russia.

This verdict ended one of the most sensational political trials France has ever seen.

In Paris judicial circles it is declared that in France a year ago such a heavy sentence would not have been thought possible.

One of the sensations of the case was the refusal of the former French Home Minister, M. Marx Dormoy, to give evidence.

In arriving at their verdict, the jury had several very difficult questions to settle. For example, whether General von Miller had been held prisoner, whether Madame Skoblin had assisted in this, whether force had been used against General Miller, whether the Russian General had been enticed into a trap, and whether accused had been implicated in the offence.

The measure of punishment depended on the jury's decision on this questions.

The lightest punishment could have been six days' imprisonment, while the maximum was hard labour for life. The jury decided not to impose the maximum, but at the same time administered a sentence of great severity.—*Trans-Ocean*.

Japan's Intentions: Butler Can't Tell

London, Dec. 14.
Mr. R. A. Butler replied in the negative when asked if he had been officially informed of future Japanese intentions as to foreign capital investments in China in all enterprises considered essential to defence, and economically necessary to Japan.—*Reuter*.

Japanese Forces Now On Defence Basis

CHUNGKING, Dec. 15.
"HAVING FAILED in their southward push towards Changsha, and their westward drive on Hsiangyang, the Japanese forces at present are on the defensive in Central China," declared the Chinese military spokesman yesterday, in reviewing the week's military developments.

In North China, the spokesman declared, the attention of the Japanese seemed still to be focussed on China's communications with Russia, though so far no action had been taken.

In South China the main Japanese forces were massed on the West River front, where they were making every effort to push into Kwangsi, but "Chinese resistance is so strong that no progress has been made."

Discussing actual engagements, the spokesman said that the front near Yochow on the Hunan-Hupoh border had been quiet since December 9, when a Japanese attack along the Hsiangsiang River, 45 kilometres to the south of Yochow had been repulsed.

The Japanese forces at Tungcheng, the spokesman went on, had been increased, and it was possible they intended to attack in the direction of Pingkiang.

In northern Hupoh, Chiaoshih, 25 kilometres to the west of Yingchen and Cheho had been recaptured, rendering the Chinese position more secure in that sector.

In North Kiangsi the Chinese line along the Sul River to the north of Nanchang had remained unchanged, the spokesman claimed.

In South China the Japanese forces around the West River had been further increased, particularly to the south-east of Shaoching.

Severe fighting was proceeding at Kaoming, 30 kilometres to the south-west of Shaoching, and also at Hoshan, 30 kilometres in the same direction.

Senhui, 10 kilometres to the south-west of Kiangcheng was also the scene pitched fighting.—*Reuter*.

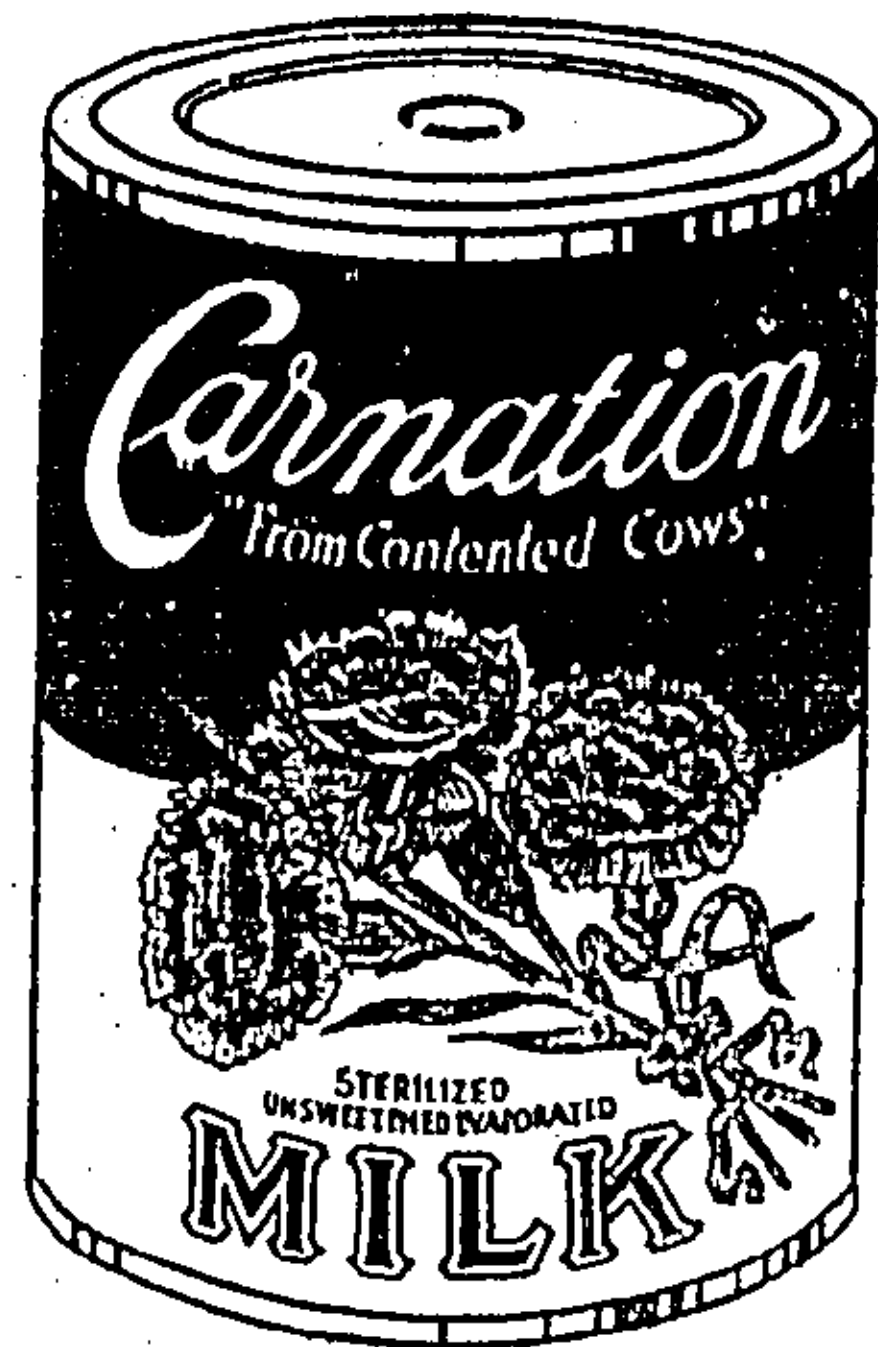
Remove River Blockages

Novel Suggestion In Commons

LONDON, Dec. 14.
ASKED IN the House of Commons whether it was proposed to direct H.M. ships to remove the boom across the international highway, Mr. R. A. Butler stated that the Japanese Government claimed that the Tiangyin boom was opened only sufficiently to provide passage for Japanese warships and military transports.

Difficulties arising from the position were at present under review.—*Reuter*.

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MEDIATION IN SPANISH CONFLICT

Britain To Approach South American Republics

Britain Key To Far East Situation

LONDON, Dec. 15.

IT IS, of course, one thing for Japan to denounce the Nine-Power Treaty, and quite another thing for her to get away with it, says the Manchester Guardian in a leader to-day.

"The United States Government is known to be particularly determined that she shall not do so, and it is obviously Britain—that Britain which, under a National Government, is yielding to aggression all over the world. If Britain can be persuaded by threats to agree to a revision of the Nine-Power and recognise a 'new order' in East Asia, might not the United States be forced into line? The only policy that can have success is a show of firmness in China (and in Europe) and to co-operate closely with the United States Government. As long as Britain and the United States maintain a common front in the Far East, Japan can do little, and in this way we may yet save our interests in China, and, what is more important, China herself."—Reuter.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SYSTEM PROPHESIED

Washington, Dec. 14.

The Japanese Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Yankichi Rosuma, in a speech at the Maryland University to-day said that natural developments in China would probably lead to a federal system of government, with three or four regional governments.

"We Japanese," he said, "are not under any illusion that we can conquer China. That is not our aim, and never has been. We are surgeons in this conflict which has been a major operation, but China is still herself."—United Press.

Do You Remember These Events?

CIVIL WAR IN SHENSI

CHIANG KAI-SHEK IS STILL SAFE
 Captor Promises Marshal Will Be Protected
 GOVERNMENT TROOPS MARCH TO SUPPRESS REBELLION

EX-KING SEEKS SECLUSION IN AUSTRIAN HILLS
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Two years ago yesterday, civil war broke out in Shensi, while Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek was a prisoner of the Young Marshal, while simultaneously Dr. H. H. Kung in a spirited interview declared that China would never accept peace from Japan without honour. The same defiant attitude remains to-day. The above pictures illustrate the news of the day two years ago, as contained in the "Hong Kong Telegraph."

FISHING AGREEMENT DEADLOCK PERSISTS

MOSCOW, Dec. 14.

THE JAPANESE Ambassador to Moscow, Mr. Togo, has informed M. Litvinoff, the Soviet Commissar for Foreign Affairs, that the Japanese Government has rejected the proposals made by the Soviet Government on December 8 for a settlement of the fisheries question.

The Soviet conditions were fishing rights conceded to Japan by more than ten per cent, and determination of the respective shares of these waters without reference to the formerly-arranged special regulations, and these in the opinion of Tokyo, are not reconcilable with the treaty.

Both parties agreed to enter into negotiations before the end of the year about a provisional agreement to regulate the exercise of existing fishing rights for a period of one year.—Trans-Ocean.

IF THERE IS ANY CHANCE OF SUCCESS Insurgent Offensive Is Repulsed

LONDON, Dec. 14.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT will approach the South American republics to mediate in Spain if it thinks there is any chance of success.

Mr. P. C. Loftus (Cons) asked: "Will the Government consider making representations to the South American republics for them to consider mediation?"

Mr. R. A. Butler: "The British Government will approach the South American republics to mediate in Spain if it thinks there is any chance of success. If the Government thinks there is likely to be any success, it will certainly not eliminate that possibility."—United Press.

VALENCIA BOMBED

Valencia, Dec. 14.

On Wednesday morning Valencia was bombed by five insurgent planes, which dropped more than 100 bombs. Five people were killed and seven severely wounded.

Forty bombs fell close to British ships unloading in the harbour, but without doing any damage.

A number of godowns and warehouses were hit and set on fire.—Trans-Ocean.

88 BRITISH PRISONERS IN SPAIN

London, Dec. 14.

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, stated in the House of Commons that, according to latest figures received, which were issued on October 29, the number of United Kingdom nationals held as prisoners of war by General Franco's administration was 88, and 34 of Canadian nationals.

Mr. Butler later added that the British Agent at Burgos reported he had taken further steps to expedite the conclusion of the exchange arrangement, and that he hoped that their release might shortly be expected.

QUESTIONS ON ITALIAN ASSISTANCE

A series of questions dealing with the alleged extent and continuance of Italian assistance to the insurgent forces in Spain, and calling for a fresh report, were replied to by Mr. Butler who said he could not take responsibility for making a statement about the military dispositions on either side in the conflict.

In reply to supplementary questions, he said reports from British agents in Spain and other countries were constantly being received, but he could not undertake any further initiative in the matter. He said he was unable to deny that there had been a certain amount of assistance from Italian sources, but he would not like it to be thought that this amounted to much more than replacement, and it certainly did not constitute any increase in the personnel of Italian troops.

After further questions, Miss Ellen Wilkinson (Labour) said she would raise the matter on the motion for adjournment.—British Wireless.

OFFENSIVES FIZZLE OUT

Hendaye, Dec. 14.

The Loyalists have reported that two insurgent attacks were repulsed on the central front, one in the Magenera region, and the other south-west of Teruel.

The first attack was made yesterday morning, and was met by intensive Loyalist machine-gun barrages from positions on the heights, while the Loyalists were not shaken by the strong artillery fire which preceded the attack.

In the afternoon another attack was attempted. The Loyalists claim to have broken the drive without being forced to leave the front-line trenches. According to a Valencia report, the insurgent infantry was forced to retreat in complete disorder, losing several scores of men.

MINES EXPLODE

The Loyalists are reported to have exploded two counter mines in one of the cities, destroying the insurgent gallery in the course of construction. Similarly in the Villa Verde sector the Loyalists exposed an important mine system which was being built by the insurgents, and succeeded in blasting it away, causing heavy losses to the insurgent troops working in it.

Calm is reported from the other fronts, activity on the Segre River being limited to rifle duels at relief hours.

Another report from Saragossa states that all has been calm on the front for the last 24 hours. On the Castellon front troops have devoted

32ND DAY OF DROUGHT

There was a substantial fall in the minimum temperature during the last 24 hours, marking the 32nd day of Hongkong's drought. The top mark recorded was 69, as compared with 77 during the previous 24 hours.

The minimum also fell to 64 degrees, as compared with 65 the previous day, though the difference during the period was only five degrees.

However, during the last 48 hours there has been a difference in the temperature of 13 degrees.

This morning the thermometer registered 68, with humidity at 77 per cent.

The dry weather will continue, the local forecast being north-east winds, fresh; fair.

The Royal Observatory weather report issued this morning stated that the anti-cyclone appears to be moving eastwards, pressure being highest over Shantung and the Yellow Sea. The depression has passed into the Pacific to the east of Hokkaido.

Rumania And Nazi Intervention

Bucharest, Dec. 14.

King Carol presided at a meeting of the Crown Council to-day, which was summoned, it is reported, to discuss Germany's anti-Rumanian campaign, and alleged Nazi support for the Iron Guard.—Reuter.

Radiophone Tolls Are Cheaper

London, Dec. 14.

The Postmaster-General announces that on December 23 and 24, and from December 26 to January 4 inclusive, radio-telephone rates to the following countries are to be reduced by half:

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their time to improvement of front-line fortifications, where the work is hindered by constant rain.

The insurgents have reported that several Loyalist militiamen perished from the poor visibility to desert to the insurgents in the Nules region.

It is also reported that an insurrection occurred at the Cartagena military port last week as the result of the punishment of a Spanish sailor by a foreign naval officer, attached to a Loyalist cruiser.

The officer was attacked by sailors, thrown into the sea, and drowned.—United Press.

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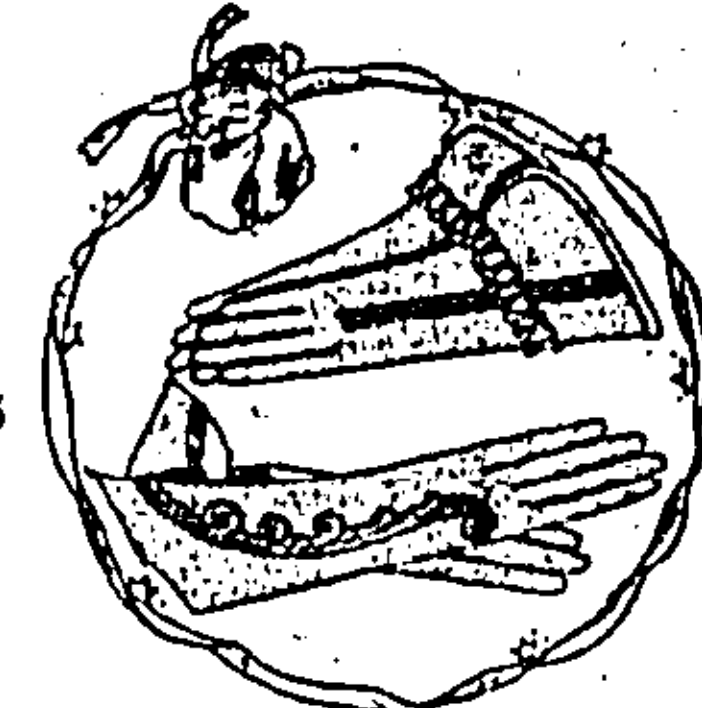
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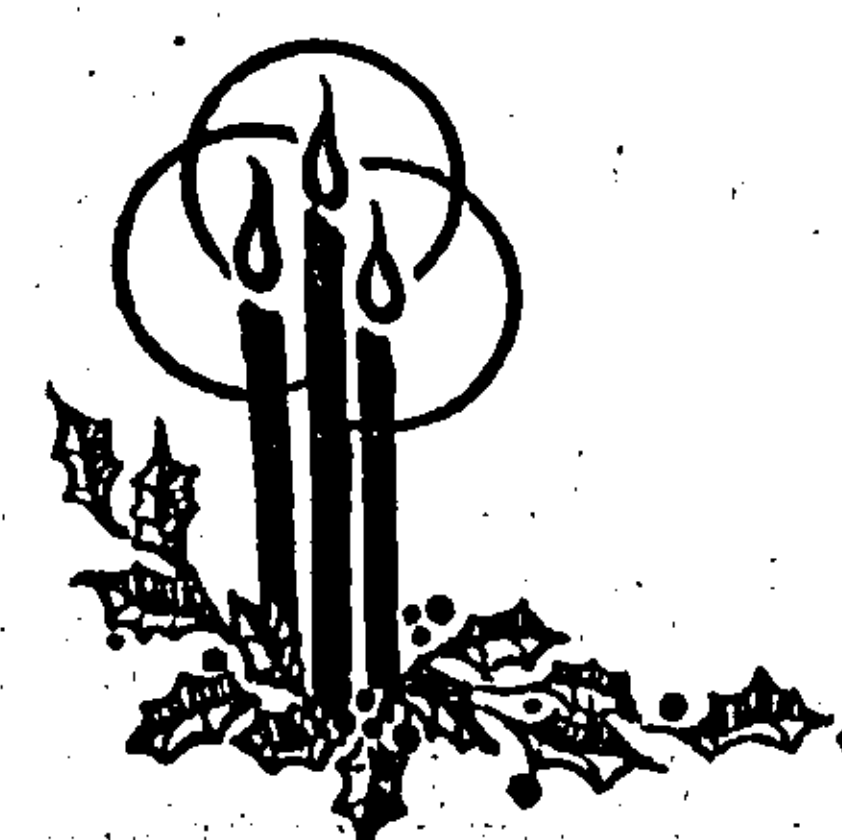
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should like to inform all those friends in Hongkong and in particular the Hongkong Chinese Women's Club, the National Women's Relief Association, the Hongkong Chinese Women's Soldiers Relief Association, and St. Paul's Girls' School, who so generously collected for the Bazaar, that I received a cable yesterday from the China Campaign Committee stating:—"The Bazaar raised £300 (about 8,000 dollars H.K.) please convey our most grateful thanks to all the helpers in Hongkong."

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T.T. Shanghai	175 Nom.
T.T. Singapore	53 1/2
T.T. Japan	100 1/4
T.T. India	83
T.T. U.S.A.	28 1/2
T.T. Manila	58
T.T. Batavia	53 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	140 1/2
T.T. Saigon	109 1/2
T.T. Germany	17 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	127 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/6 1/2

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4 m/s D/p do.	1/3 5/32
4 m/s L/c U.S.A.	20 1/4
4 m/s France	11.50
30 d/s India	84 1/4
U.S. Cross rate in Lon.	4.67 1/2

Panama Canal Spy Found Guilty

Cristobal, Panama, Dec. 14. Hans Heinrich Schackow, one of the four Germans, including a girl, arrested near Fort Randolph near the entrance to the Panama Canal in October, were to-day found guilty of espionage, following a charge of photographing the fortifications. Sentence was not pronounced, pending a new trial, when the other three defendants will be tried, in January.—Reuter.

ITALY INCREASES ARMAMENTS COST TO NEW RECORD

ROME, Dec. 14. MUSSOLINI HAS DECIDED to spend an additional £30,000,000 in armaments during 1939-1940.

Approval for an increase in the votes for the Army, Navy and Air Force was announced to-day.

This, it is disclosed, represents only the first part in the programme for intensifying Italian armaments.

It is revealed that Mussolini contemplates a total extraordinary expenditure of £120,000,000—an all time record.

The announcement has caused rejoicing in Italian newspapers. "Italy intends to be armed in readiness for all eventualities," boasts "Tribuna," and the "Lavora Fascista" stresses the fact that the Fascist regime has raised the nation's military might to an hitherto unattainable level.—Trans-Ocean.

JAPAN'S NAVY COSTS UP £18,336,000. Japan's naval estimates for the 1933-40 fiscal year were also announced to-day, states a "Domei" message. The extraordinary budget arising out of the Sino-Japanese war calls for an expenditure of £18,336,000, which exceeds the ordinary expenditure by £3,000,000. Total expenditure is estimated at £34,000,000. BRITAIN CALLS FOR MEN. London, Dec. 14. The Duke of Devonshire, Under-Secretary for the Dominions, in addressing the Victoria League said: "We are all busy about re-armament, but battleships, tanks, guns and rifles are no good unless you have men."

WAR ON PROFITEERING Nazis Go after the Shop-Keepers

VIENNA, Dec. 14. DRACONIC MEASURES to prevent unjustified increase of prices have been taken by the National-Socialist regional leaders in Vienna and Globocnik, according to an announcement made to-day, which states that regional leaders, accompanied by various officials, paid within the last few days surprise visits to several shops and department stores in order to investigate numerous complaints made on the subject.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning:

BANKS

H.K. Banks	\$1,365 n.
H.K. Banks, Lon.	\$70 1/2 n.
Chartered	\$254 n.
Mercantile, A. & B.	\$273 n.
Mercantile, C.	\$23 n.
East Asia	\$88 n.

INSURANCES

Canton	\$210 n.
Union	\$405 s.
China Underwriters	75 cts. n.
H.K. Fire	\$182 n.

SHIPPING

Douglas	\$60 1/2 b.
Steamboats	\$18 n.
Indo-Chinas, P.	\$80 n.
Indo-Chinas, D.	\$24 n.
Shell Bearers	81/3 n.
Waterbouts	\$9 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves	\$117 s.
Docks, (old)	\$18 1/2 b.
Docks, (new)	\$17 1/2 n.
Pro. (old)	\$0 b.
Pro. (new)	\$5.80 n.
New Eng. Sh.	\$5.60 n.
Sh. Docks, Sh.	\$100 n.
Kailan	\$16 n. xd.
Raub	\$9.35 n. xd.
Venz. Goldfield	\$3 n.
Hongkong Mines	7 1/2 cts. n.

MINING

Antamoks	P. 50 sd.
Atoks	P. 25 sd.
Baguio Gold	P. 22 1/2 sd.
Benguet Com.	P. 12.40 sd. xd.
Coco Grove	P. 45 sd.
Con. Mines	P. 0035 sd.
Dem.	P. 27 sd.
I.X.L.	P. 65 sd.
Gumaus	P. 13 sd.
Mauricio	P. 1.74 ex. div. sd.
Suyoc Consol	P. 10 1/2 sd.
Paracels	P. 40 sd.

LANDS

Hotels	\$6.70 b.
Manila	\$35 1/2 b.
Lands	4% deb. 10 1/2 n.
Sh. Lands	Sh. \$0.40 n.
Humphreys	\$9 s.
H. K. Realities	\$5 b.
Chinese Estates	\$50 n.

UTILITIES

Tram.	\$17.20 n.
Peak Trams (old)	\$0 1/2 n.
Peak Trams (new)	\$3 1/2 n.
Star Ferries	\$71 1/2 b.
Y. Ferries (old)	\$23 n.
Y. Ferries (new)	\$22 1/2 n.
China Light (old)	\$10.50 sd.
China Light (new)	\$10.30 sd.
H.K. Electric	\$58 sd.
Macao Electric	\$17 1/2 n.
Sandakan	\$10 1/2 b. & sa. ex. div.
Telephone (old)	\$23.50 n.
Telephone (new)	\$8.50 n.
Traction	21/3 n.
Singapore Pref. s/-	25/- n.

INDUSTRIAL

Cold. Macg. (Ord.)	Sh. 414 n.
Cold. Macg. (Pre.)	Sh. 413 n.
Canton Ice	\$1.70 n.
Cement	\$10.80 n.
Roper	\$4.25 n.

STORES, &c.

Dairy Farms	\$25 n.
Crawford	\$7.30 b.
Singapore	\$2 s.
Wild On (H.K.)	\$38 n.
Powell, Ltd.	90 cts. n.

COTTON MILLS

Ewo Cotton Sh.	\$10.40 n.
Shai Cotton Sh.	\$10 n.

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 12.30 p.m. yesterday, says: The market was a shade quieter during the short session, but prices generally were well maintained.

Buyers: H.K. Fire Insurance \$180, Douglas \$60 1/2, H.K. Docks \$18 1/2, Providence \$10 1/2, H. & S. Hotels \$67 1/2, H.K. Lands \$35 1/2, H.K. Realities \$5, Star Ferries \$71 1/2, Sandakan Lights \$11.30, Dem. \$4 1/2, Watsons \$7.30, Entertainments \$6.30, H.K. Govt. 4 1/2 Loan 9 1/2 pm, H.K. Govt. 3 1/2 Loan par. H.K. Fire Insurance \$182, Humphreys \$9, Lane, Crawford & Co. \$8, Constructions \$15, H.K. Docks \$18 1/2, H. & S. Hotels \$67 1/2, China Lights (Old) \$10 1/2, H.K. Electric \$5, H.K. Roper \$4 1/2, Watsons \$7.30, Antamok \$4.25, Atoks \$3, Benguet Consolidated \$12.50, Coco Grove \$45, Consolidated Mines \$0.35, San Mauricio \$1.72, United Paracels \$40.

Sellers: Zoong Sings, Sh. \$24 n., Wing On Textiles, Sh. \$20 n. MISC. Entertainments \$6.30 b., Constructions \$13 1/2 s., Vibro Piling \$7 n., Ch. Govt. 5 1/2 1925 \$72 n., H.K. Govt. 4 1/2 Loan 9 1/2 pm b., H.K. Govt. 3 1/2 Loan 18/- n., Marsmans (H.K.), s/- 3/- n.

MANILA SHARES

The following quotations were received after the close of the morning session through Reuters:

Antamok	25
Atok	25
Baguio Gold	22 1/2
Benguet Cons.	12.40
Coco Grove	45
Consolidated Mines	0.35
Dem.	27
I.X.L.	65
Gumaus	13
Mauricio	1.74
Suyoc	10 1/2
Paracels	40

The following is Swan, Culbertson & Fritz' report on this morning's market: The Manila market was steady with prices higher. The general list was up from fractions to 3/4 centavo. Antamok went contrary to the trend, and was off 1/4 centavo, while Benguet Consolidated was up 10 centavos.

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VIA SIBERIA ROUTE. Letters and Postcards for Europe (except Great Britain and Eire) and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES. Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

MAIL FOR CANTON. Registered and ordinary mails (not insured or parcels) will be accepted for Canton and despatched as circumstances permit.

MAIL LETTERS. Ordinary letter mail only for West Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Szechwan, Kweichow and Hunan will be accepted at senders' risk.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Dec.
Straits	Helena	December 15.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, Imperial Airways Plane December 15. 8th December.		
Straits and Europe via Negapatam (Papers etc.), London date, 17th November.		
Haliphong, Pakhoi and Hoihow	Haruna Maru	December 16.
Manila	Klungchow	December 16.
Japan, Shanghai and Formosa	Nozima Maru	December 16.
Straits and London parcels—London date, Nov. 10.	Suwa Maru	December 16.
Manila	Agamemnon	December 17.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, Imperial Airways Plane 11th December.	Conte Blancamano	December 17.
Shanghai and Swatow	Kwangtung	December 17.
Manila	Pres. Coolidge	December 17.
Straits	Anhui	December 18.
Japan and Shanghai	Ikion	December 18.
Shanghai and Swatow	Hunan	December 18.
Manila	Roseville	December 18.
Shanghai	Glenapp	December 20.
Calcutta and Straits	Siddhartha	December 20.
Japan	Suisang	December 20.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Parcels only for Germany via Hamburg	Scharnhorst	Thurs., Dec. 15, 4.30 p.m.
Parcels and Papers only for Singapore, Rangoon and Calcutta	Anatolock	Thurs., Dec. 15, 5 p.m.
Manila	Empress of Russia	Thurs., Dec. 15, 5 p.m.
	K.P.O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 15, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 15, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 15, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 15, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 22nd December.	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs., Dec. 15.
	K.P.O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 15, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 15, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 15, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 15, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 24th December.	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs., Dec. 15.
	K.P.O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 15, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 15, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 15, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 15, 7 p.m.
Foochow	Sandviken	Thurs., Dec. 15, 7 p.m.

Friday

Fort Bayard	Kiangsu	Fri., Dec. 16, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Shantung	Fri., Dec. 16, 9.30 a.m.
Haliphong	Esang	Fri., Dec. 16, 10 a.m.
Hoihow	Mulnam	Fri., Dec. 16, 11.30 a.m.
Swatow, and Foochow	Selatan	Fri., Dec. 16, 3 p.m.
Formosa, Shanghai, Japan, and Europe (except Great Britain and Eire) via Siberia.	Haruna	Fri., Dec. 16.
	Kowloon P. O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 16, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 16, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 16, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 16, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Suva Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 27th December.	Maru	Fri., Dec. 16.
	K.P.O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 16, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 16, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 16, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 16, 7 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and S. Suva	Maru	Fri., Dec. 16.
Africa, Aden, Egypt, Malta and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 15th January.	K. P. O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 16, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 16, 7 p.m.
	G. F. O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 16, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 16, 7 p.m.
Japan	Kutsang	Fri., Dec. 16, 7 p.m.

Saturday

Shanghai	Conte Blancamano	Sat., Dec. 17, 8.30 a.m.
Parcels and Papers for Calcutta	Talamba	Sat., Dec. 17, 8.30 a.m.
Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and President Coolidge	Sat., Dec. 17.	
South America and (Papers only for Canada via San Francisco)—due San Francisco, 5th January, 1939.	Parcels	Dec. 17, 3 p.m.
Amoy	Reg.	Dec. 17, 4.15 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 17, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 17, 3.30 p.m.

Sunday

Swatow and Tientsin	Taiyang	Sun., Dec. 18, 9 a.m.
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Monday

Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 26th December.	Imperial Airways Plane	Mon., Dec. 19.
	K.P.O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 19, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 19, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 19, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 19, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 26th December.	Imperial Airways Plane	Mon., Dec. 19.
	K.P.O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 19, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 19, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 19, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 19, 7 p.m.

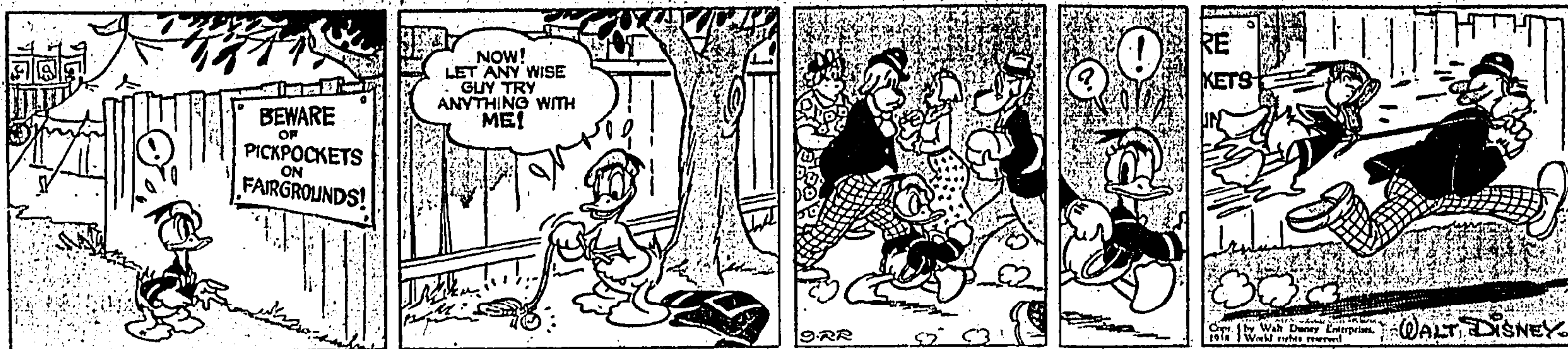
Tuesday

Swatow	Klungchow	Tues., Dec. 20, 8.30 a.m.
Haliphong and Pakhoi	Kwangtung	Tues., Dec. 20, Noon.
Fort Bayard and Haliphong	Jean Dupuis	Tues., Dec. 20, 2 p.m.

Wednesday

Swatow, Foochow and Tientsin	Hunan	Wed., Dec. 21, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Jean Laborde	Wed., Dec. 21, 1.30 p.m.
Amoy	Tsinar	Wed., Dec. 21, 3.30 p.m.

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LONDON FEARS ANTI-NAZI REACTION

GERMAN EMBASSY IS STRONGLY GUARDED

The German Press And Premier's Speech

LONDON, Dec. 14.

THE AUTHORITIES have placed a strong guard at the German Embassy, in view of the increased tension in Anglo-German relations, further accentuated by the refusal of the German Ambassador and members of the German press to attend the banquet at which Mr. Neville Chamberlain made his important speech on Monday night.

Press Comments On Premier's Speech

Berlin, Dec. 14. Mr. Chamberlain has criticised those who have sponsored a solution of pending problems by war, writes the "Voelksischer Beobachter," which adds that his were clear and frank words addressed to the war-mongers of the world, but strong as we agree with this part of his speech, we must protest equally strongly against that part in which he expresses regret at the tone of the German press. With regard to Mr. Chamberlain's statement that no form of government remains the same, the newspaper states that in the political development there will be one unchanging factor—authoritarian Nazi Germany. The "Berliner Boerlin Zeitung" says that Mr. Chamberlain's allusion to the German press attacks on Lord Baldwin is particularly incomprehensible, as the German press merely rejected the highly superfluous and miserable attempts by Lord Baldwin to interfere with German affairs. The newspaper declares that the section of the speech in which Mr. Chamberlain referred to the close Anglo-French relations is worthy of special emphasis. The "Pökalanzeiger" declares that the Premier and Britain may rest assured that the Third Reich will last 1,000 years. Press attacks on British statements continued this morning. Official quarters hitherto have abstained from commenting on the absence of Germans from the Foreign Press Association banquet. A message from Washington says that well-informed opinion interprets Mr. Chamberlain's speech as evidence that he is in no way deterred by criticism from his determination to press forward with his policy, and his frank analysis of the opposition case, and his detailed rebuttal is noted.—Reuter.

THIS IS OUR EMPIRE

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of political development—I would say that what is most vivid is their contrast to tropical Africa. Tropical Africa—the newest field of Imperial activity—is like the Dominions; you think all the time of their unknown future at a time when their economic development has only barely begun. One's mind is mainly on the future. In places like Malta or Cyprus or Ceylon the evidences of a great historic past are ever before one's eyes. I think in particular of what used to be called the buried cities of Ceylon now being year by year more splendidly revealed by the labours of the Archaeological Department. There, in what till recently was wild jungle, the capitals of centuries ago with their temples, shrines and palaces of brick and stone remind us that long before Britain's overseas expansion was dreamt of, kings and their ministers walked those ancient courts, and we are—in spite of a hundred years of rule—but other impact on a civilisation highly developed and rooted in a far distant past. After all, it is this blending of what is old and what is new, this understanding and appreciation of the past—and indeed a proper sense for it—coupled with the duty to serve the needs of future generations, that constitutes the fascination of work at the Colonial Office or in our Colonial Services.

Arabs Form A New Government

Defiant Gesture To The British Authorities

Cairo, Dec. 14.

The "General Staff of the Arab Revolution," as the organisation of the leaders of Arab irregulars in Palestine, will henceforth call itself the "Arab National Government in Palestine," according to despatches, which add that the new "Government" has already entered into negotiations with the governments of neighbouring countries in order to secure if possible, *de facto* recognition by them of its existence, and thereby attain rights as a belligerent. The new "Government" is said already to have created courts of law, and to have given instructions for the future payment of taxes by Palestine Arabs into its own exchequer.—Trans-Ocean.

WILL JEWS PARTICIPATE?

London, Dec. 14.

The spokesman of the Jewish Agency declared to-day that the headquarters of the Agency had received messages from all parts of the world urging reconsideration of the decision to participate in the forthcoming Palestine discussions. He ascribed this attitude to the bitterness among Zionists at Mr. MacDonald's statement in the House of Commons regarding the immigration of Jewish refugees to Palestine.—Reuter.

Poster Parade In Shopping Centres

London, Dec. 14.

Prominent Society people, stage and film actors, including Lady Layton, Lady Gladstone and Lady Violet. Bonham-Carter are taking part in a poster parade amid Christmas shoppers, on December 18, protesting against the "barbarous bombardment of Chinese civilians by the Japanese." The parade is organised by the British National Committee of the International Peace Campaign, and it will also urge shoppers to refuse to buy Japanese goods.—Reuter.

G. O. C. In Malaya Has Successor

London, Dec. 14.

Major-General L. V. Bond, Commandant of the School of Engineering, has been appointed G.O.C. of Malaya, in succession to Major-General W. G. S. Dobbs, C.B., C.M.G., whose tenure of office expires in August, 1939.—Reuter.

City Ablaze and in Ruins



Dramatic pictures illustrating the fate of Kweilin, capital of the Kwangsi province, after a series of air raids a few days ago by Japanese planes. Top picture shows part of the city ablaze after the planes had recorded hits with incendiary bombs, and below the homeless populace looks miserably at the ruins left by the Japanese bombers.

Mr. MACDONALD'S EMPIRE SPEECH CREATES A STIR

Colonial Commission Idea Is Turned Down

LONDON, Dec. 14.

THERE WAS A MINOR reaction to Mr. Malcolm MacDonald's British Empire speech, in which he warned of disintegrating nationalist forces at work, when the Secretary for the Dominions replied to a suggestion that he should appoint a commission to visit all parts of the colonial empire and mandated territories, to ascertain what dependencies were capable of further development.

Mr. MacDonald declared that while in sympathy with the objectives, he did not feel the appointment of such a commission was an effective method of achieving them.

Mr. E. Shinwell (Lab) said: "May I ask whether the Minister has revised his ideas about the future of the British Empire?" Mr. MacDonald replied: "I hope Mr. Shinwell read the latter part, as well as the former part of my speech delivered yesterday. (Ministerial cheers.)"

A message from Johannesburg states that the "Star" in an editorial asserts that Mr. MacDonald in his speech yesterday faced up to the facts, which would be worse than foolish to ignore. The paper maintains that the speech was remarkable for its moral courage and common-sense candour, which would never come amiss when inspired by a spirit of friendly co-operation, mutual help, and the earnest desire to avoid dangers, which, unless they are clearly realised beforehand, might bring disaster.

Meanwhile from Adelaide comes a message stating that Mr. J. Lyons addressed a spectacular defence rally to-day, when he declared: "Let us hear less of the defeatists and of the hopelessly one-sided picture of the Empire threatened and the navy unable to cope with its defence." While emphasising the need for recruits, Mr. Lyons added: "Because of the depth of our faith in democracy, we do not know the phrase 'the days of the Republic'."

FRANCE WILL NOT YIELD AN INCH

Bonnet's Speech

PARIS, Dec. 14.

PAUL BONNET, the Foreign Minister, made an important statement on many aspects of foreign affairs at a meeting of the Foreign Affairs Commission to-day.

It is stated that he expressed solid satisfaction with Mr. Chamberlain's speech. As to Italian territorial claims, it is asserted that he declared that Herr von Ribbentrop on his Paris visit, limited himself to a statement that Germany intended to remain loyal to the Berlin-Rome axis, but had not direct interest in the Mediterranean.

M. Bonnet declared that he had not been acquainted with any Italian claims, but if any were made, there would be no question of France giving up an inch of territory.

Questioned about Germany's intentions in Eastern Europe, particularly the Ukraine, M. Bonnet replied that some of the statements made on the subject appeared to be exaggerated. Not everything said on the subject should be taken literally.

Dealing with Sino-Japanese hostilities, M. Bonnet, it is said, did not try to conceal the opinion that the interests and deposition of European countries in China were endangered. He emphasised, however, that it was not specifically French, but an international problem.

The Foreign Minister revealed that Herr von Ribbentrop had assured him that only between 3,000 and 5,500 German volunteers remained in Spain on December 6, and all were stationed behind the lines.—Reuter.

Aircraft Factory Strike At Home

London, Dec. 14.

Over 1,000 men are affected by a strike at an aircraft company's works at Brookworth, Gloucester to-day.

The strike is stated to be unofficial. It is understood the trouble arose in connection with the dismissal of a worker in consequence of an alleged breach of works regulations. The shop's stewards made efforts to obtain the man's reinstatement, but were unsuccessful.—Reuter.

Former President Of China Ill

Hsu Shih-chang, former President of the Chinese Republic, is critically ill in his residence in the British Concession at Tientsin, according to a "Domei" message. Since Hsu's retirement from politics he has been living in retirement in Tientsin. He is 80 years old.

Scorpion Departs For Shanghai

H.M.S. Scorpion left Hongkong this morning for Shanghai, having successfully completed her trials here after a stay of three weeks. The Scorpion will be the flagship of the Yangtze Flotilla taking over from H.M.S. Bee which will be dismantled in Shanghai and sold as scrap.

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7.10 B.B.C. Recording—The Old Contemptibles Part I. The Record of the British Expeditionary Force from Mons to Ypres, between August and November, 1914.

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7.40 Studio—ZBW Orchestra. 1. Orpheus In The Underworld—Overture (Offenbach); 2. Madrigal (Veronesi); Interval; When The Moon Rises Over Marechiaro (Tosti)....

Enzo de Muro Lomanto (Tenor) with Mandolines; 3. The Mill in the Forest (Seybold).

8.0 Local Time Signal. Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—ZBW Orchestra. 4. Strimpellata Amorosa (Panizoli); 5. Fantasia Villareccia (Florino); Interval; The Lass With The Delicate Air (Michael Arne); My Lovely Celia (Monroe, arr. Lane Wilson)....

Nan Maryska (Soprano) with Piano accomp. by Ivor Newton; 6. La Raginetta delle Rose (Leoncavallo).

8.30 London Relay—"At The Black Dog". Mr. Wilkes at home in his own bar.

parlour. Presented by S. E. Reynolds and Pascoe Thornton.

9.0 Dance Music. Fox-Trot—No Greater Love Lost. Guy Lombardo and His Royal Canadians with vocal refrain; Tango—Moonlight On The Rio Grande....

Heinz Huppertz and His Orchestra; Fox-Trot—Words Without Music; That Moment Of Moments.... Eddy Duchin and His Orchestra with vocal refrain.

9.15 London Relay—"World Affairs". A talk by H. Wickham Steed.

9.30 London Relay—The News. 9.50 Request Programme of Classical Music.

Symphony No. 6 in G Major (The "Surprise" Symphony) (Hudn) Boston Symphony Orchestra cond. by Serge Koussevitzky; "La Nozze Di Figaro"—Grant, O Love (Mozart).... Tina Lemnitz (Soprano) and The Berlin Philharmonic Orch. cond. by Bruno Seidler-Winkler; Fantasia Impromptu in C Sharp Minor, Op. 66 (Chopin)....

Alfred Cortot (Piano); La Danza (Rossini).... Miliza Korjus (Soprano) with Orchestra and Chorus cond. by Bruno Seidler-Winkler; Hungarian Rhapsody, No. 2 (Liszt).... Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra cond. by Leopold Stokowski; "I Pagliacci"—Prologue (Leoncavallo).... Apollo Granforte (Baritone) and Members of La Scala Orchestra, Milan, cond. by Carlo Sabajno; Concerto Grosso in B Flat Major (Handel).... Leon Goossens (Oboe) and The London Philharmonic Orch. cond. by Eugene Goossens; Water Music Suite—Allegro Deciso (Handel).... Sir Hamilton Harty conducting the London Philharmonic Orch.; The Lute Player (Allisten).... Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra.

11.00 Close down.

German Pressmen Walk Out Of The Pan-American Conference At Lima

LIMA, Dec. 14.

THREE PROPOSALS for "guaranteeing" the Western Hemisphere against foreign propaganda, drafted by Argentine, Uruguayan and Brazil, are now before the committee of the Pan-American Conference.

The spontaneous applause which greeted the Latin delegates' denunciation of countries governed by theories of racial and religious intolerance was considered significant, and at the end of the speech, five German correspondents walked out as a protest.

It is understood the United States delegation intends to introduce a resolution pledging the American republics to do everything possible to reduce tariff barriers.

The peace committee is at present considering a resolution opposing recognition of territory conquered "by force and undue pressure of force."—Reuter.

Soviet Official U.S. Spy Suspect

New York, Dec. 14.

It was revealed to-day that Mikhail Gorin, manager of the Los Angeles office of the Tourist Agency, has been under arrest since Monday on charges of espionage.

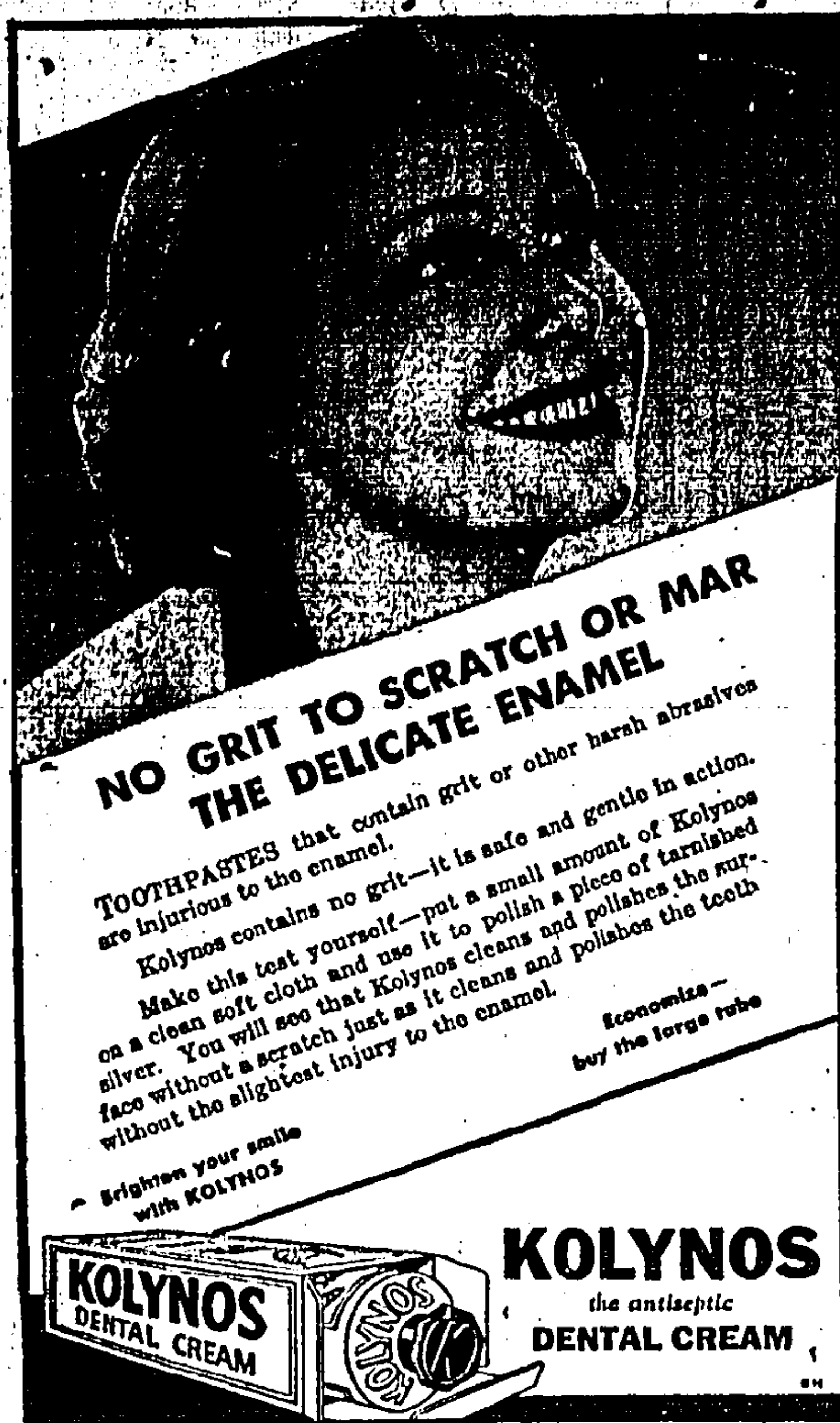
M. Ivanushkin, the Soviet vice-consul in New York is flying to Los Angeles to investigate the case. Gorin is an erstwhile Russian consular official. He was arrested with Hafs Salich, a naturalised American, who is stated at one time to have been an agent of the United States intelligence service. Bail has been fixed at \$25,000 each.—Reuter.

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Car Falls 100ft.: Driver Vanishes

More than 24 hours after a car was wrecked in a collision with a private bus at Worsley, near Manchester, recently, police were still seeking the driver of the car.

After the crash it: Mounted the pavement, uprooting a tree; Ran 55 feet along a grass verge; Cut through a hedge; Crashed through a railway fence, cutting through wood uprights nine inches thick; and Fell down a 100ft. embankment to be wrecked against a heavy fence.

When passengers from the bus—which was taking a studio audience from Abington to Broadcasting House, Manchester—reached the wreckage the driver had vanished.

TORCHLIGHT SEARCH

Police with torches searched fields and woods and also made inquiries at hospitals and from doctors in case the man needed treatment.

Mr. S. Tonge, a grocer, of Station Road, Swinton, who owned the car, said: "I went to the parish hall to bring my wife and children home from a concert. When I came out of the hall after about ten minutes the car had gone."

He Made Good

Young Fernand Mailland lived in a Paris garret.

He was so poor that he made his own furniture, carpets, decorated the grimy walls.

He ate when he could, which was not often. But that did not matter, because he lived for his painting. Every moment he had he painted. And the money he earned went first on painting materials.

After years of struggle he fixed up an exhibition.

A Scottish business man strolled in and was impressed. He went back to the garret and was so enchanted by the home-made furniture that he bought it all and took it back to Edinburgh.

Then he arranged a Mailland exhibition.

The poor boy's name was made.

Recently Fernand Mailland is giving an exhibition in the Cooling Galleries, London.

He is famous, rich, and acclaimed now. All London was there.



Troops stationed in and about Jerusalem attempt to keep rioting and terrorism by Arabs at a minimum, but sniping, arson and sabotage continue. Here is a warlike scene in the Bad el Salsieh quarter of the Holy City, near the temple. British soldiers hold a machine gun pointed at the temple area, in readiness to check Arab rebels.

FOX JUMPS DOWN COTTAGE CHIMNEY

A fox which had been disturbed by the Whaddon Chase Hunt ran through the main street of Winslow, Bucks, recently, and—frightened by people's shouts—scrambled on to the roof of a cottage and ran down the chimney.

The Whaddon Chase Hunt were several miles away. They had already killed another fox near Winslow.

But the Master, Lord Rosebery, driving home, heard of what had happened.

He went to the cottage. Mrs. Foster, the occupant, greeted him with "We had a sweep here some time ago. This fox has brought down as much soot as he did."

Lord Rosebery suggested that the sweep's brushes should be borrowed.

With these the fox was forced on to the roof again. It came out black with soot, scuttled down the side of the cottage, and took cover in an outhouse.

There it was caught by Mr. C. Boddington, a former master of the Whaddon Chase Hunt. He put it in a sack, took it to a nearby spinney and set it free.

Cleveland Industries Rise

Cleveland. Industry here is expanding despite the recession. The city's annual payrolls have been increased \$300,000 by establishment of 24 new industries, and more than \$2,500,000 has been spent in plant expansions by 34 existing industries since Jan. 1.

HIGHLANDER STOWS AWAY ON SHIP

After spending a week in prison at Belawan Deli, Sumatra, for stowing away at Singapore in the Dutch vessel Saparoea, a Gordon Highlander was brought back to Singapore recently in the Rotterdam Lloyd liner Indrapoera.

When about ten hours out from Singapore, the Gordon Highlander, who had been reported missing, was discovered where he left his hiding place, a large wooden box behind a funnel.

After the report by the Dutch authorities, Inspector A. Reddick of the Marine Police at Singapore, discovered that the stowaway was the missing Gordon Highlander although he had given a different name.

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The Gordon Highlander, who was met on arrival at Singapore by a Marine Police Officer, was handed over to the military authorities.

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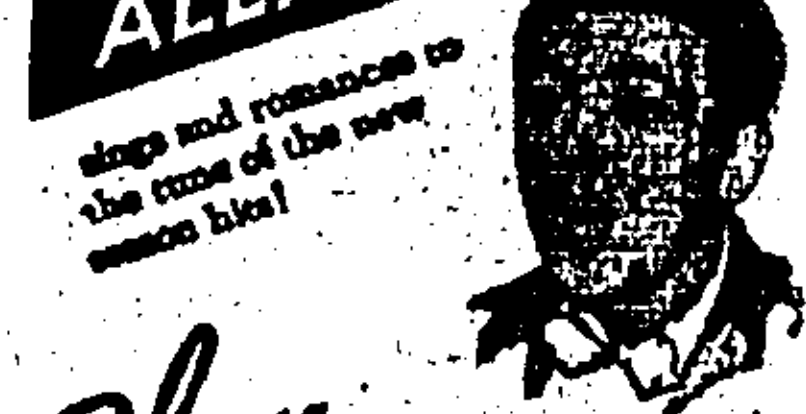
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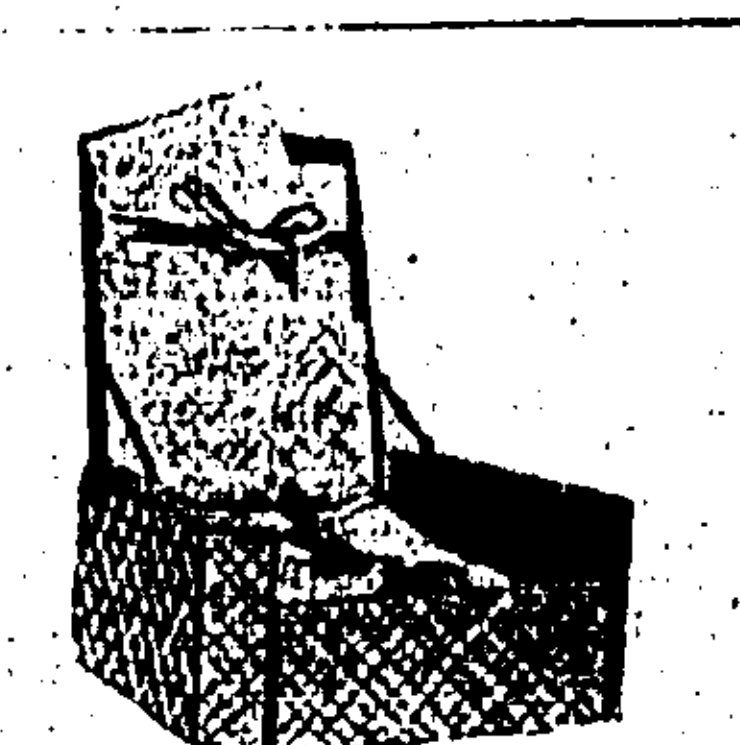
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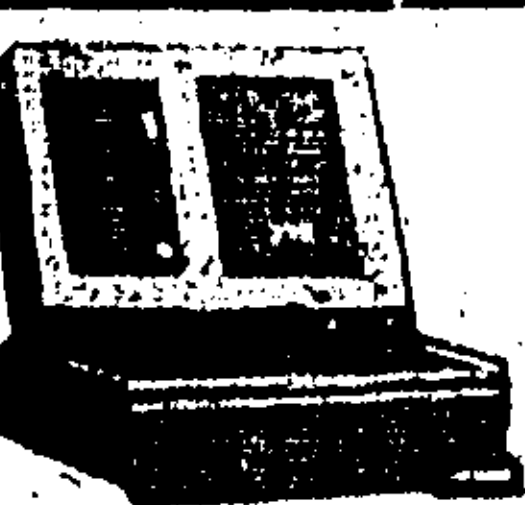
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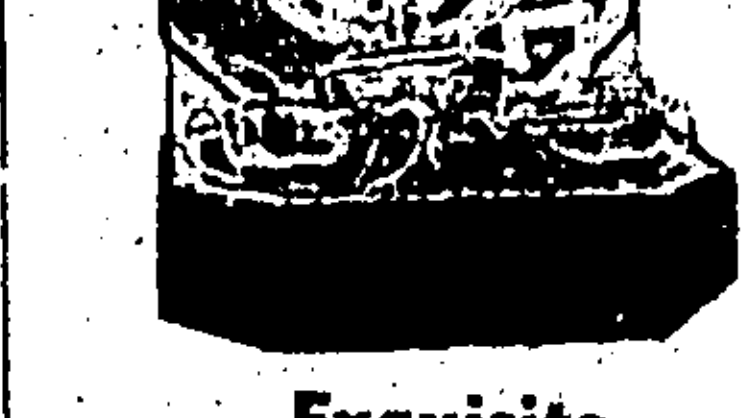
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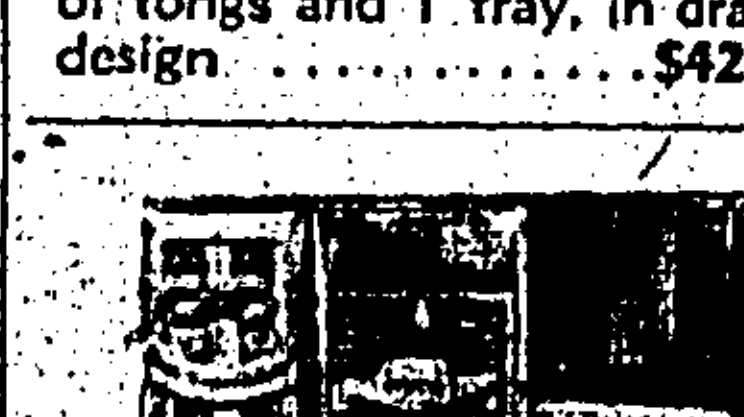
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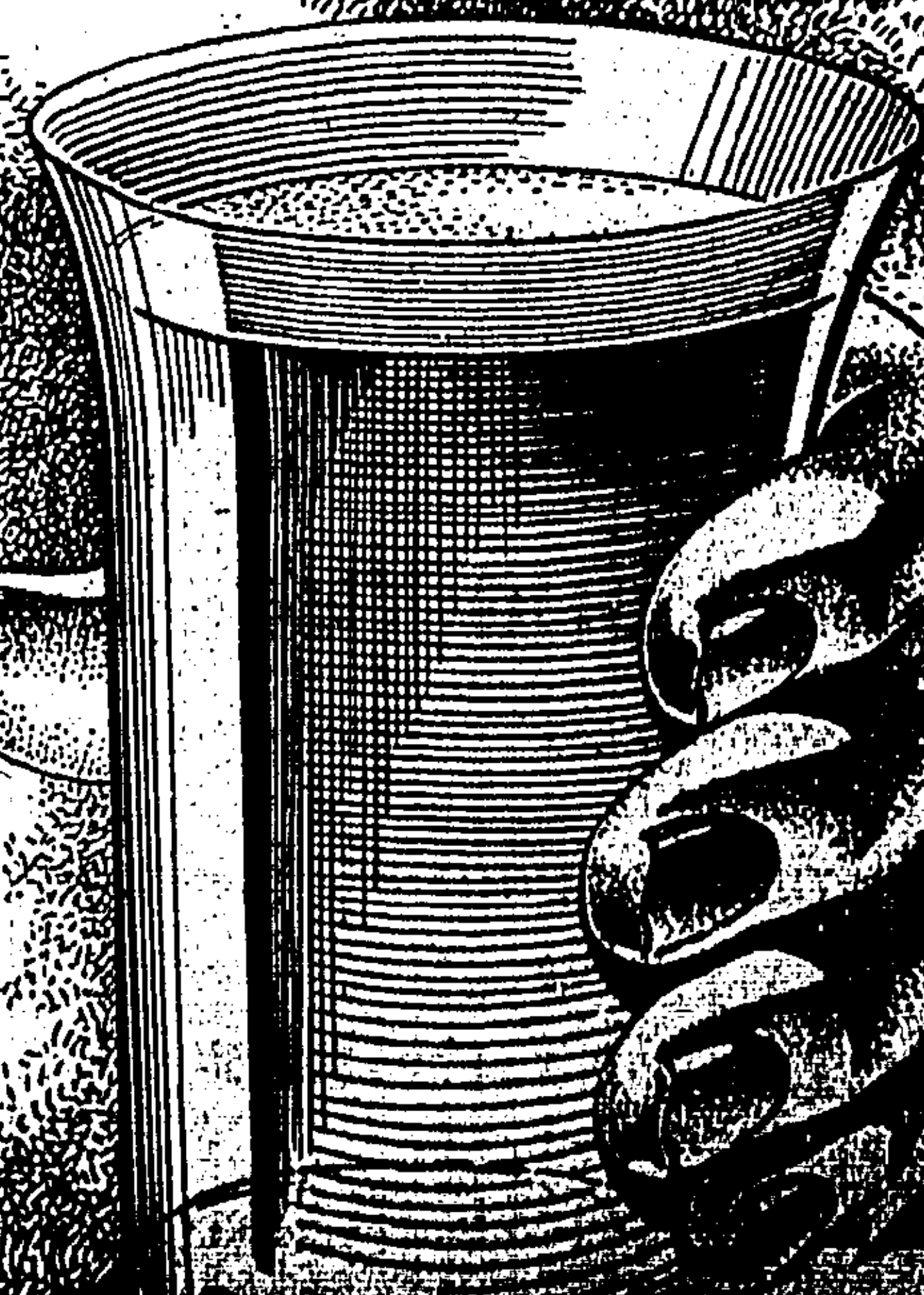
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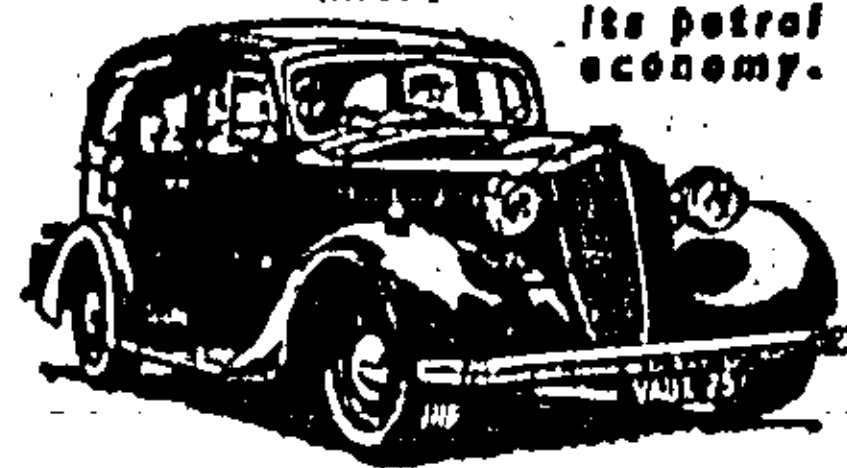
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War on Cancer

BRITAIN THIS WEEK declared war on an enemy which claims more lives than any war she has previously engaged in.

Financed to a great extent from philanthropic sources, a valiant campaign has been waged for many years in England against cancer, man's greatest scourge. But the facilities hitherto provided are, in the words of the Minister who introduced the Bill in the Commons this week, "manifestly inadequate."

Less than one in four of those who suffer from cancer have in England the opportunity of cure or amelioration which modern methods provide.

Cancer, like many other diseases, must be tackled early if there is to be any hope of cure, and the extension under Government auspices of the network of treatment centres is a matter long overdue.

Sanctions in Sydney

AUSTRALIAN WORKERS have declared economic sanctions against Japan, and refuse to load shipping carrying what they suspect are materials which may be turned to use in the war with China.

The boycott weapon, as Hongkong people know only too well, is the most powerful that the masses can employ.

But it is a dangerous and two-sided weapon. The Australian workers have got to square their desire to assist China in its fight against aggression with the possibility that boycott may bring reprisals by Japan. Australia has only two better customers for her goods than Japan—Britain and New Zealand.

If the Australians are prepared to risk the loss of Japan's trade by pursuing with their sanctions they have set an example which, if followed by the workers of other nations, will rapidly bankrupt Japan. But it is a risky experiment.

Set a Pest to Catch a Pest

INTO Hongkong the other day, by air-mail from a lonely farm in Kenya Colony, came a tiny whitewood box no larger than a matchbox and smaller than the linen label attached to it.

It was delivered to a Pan American Clipper and taken across the Pacific to complete a 14,000 mile journey by air.

These insects came from the headquarters of one of the strangest armies on earth, the army of expert campaigners of the Imperial Institute of Entomology, whose invisible war against marauding insects is saving the world \$100,000,000 a year, and on the winning of which depends our very existence, physical and economic.



THOSE insects were samples of the 8,000,000 insect specimens housed and catalogued at the Natural History Museum in London.

From all over the world come appeals to the "Parasite Zoo"—and very soon a battalion of warrior parasites are recruited from the breeding station and sent off by the air-liner, safely enclosed in special cold-storage containers, with rations for the journey composed of such tasty-bits as raisins and sugar and water.



THAT is but one brief chapter in the story of man's ceaseless war against marauding insects—insects which represent sixty per cent. of all living things on this earth, and which would soon overrun us, killing our sheep and cattle, destroying our crops, cutting down our trees, blighting our vegetation, and spreading annihilating plagues, if permitted to have their own irresponsible, destructive way.

Every week some 2,000 letters arrive from every corner of the world at the Imperial Institute of Entomology; every day packages of all shapes and sizes—cigar-boxes, cigarette tins, bamboo tubes, hand-made wooden containers—arrive with specimen corpses of bandit insects. And almost every day legions of anti-pests are sent out to the remotest part of the world to battle against the hordes.

A popular parasite emigrant is *Alysia Manducator*, an insect which is in great demand in Australia. The grub is sent out in the chilling-room of a steamer, dormant in a bed of earth. At the end of its travels the grub hatches into a fly, which likes nothing better than to feed on the grub of the blow-fly which can kill sheep to the value of £3,000,000 in one year.

THEN there is the sawfly parasite, which is plentiful in Britain but which, until recently, did not exist in Canada. Unfortunately the sawfly has the annoying habit of tunnelling inside wheat stems and mowing down acres of grain long before the harvest is due. It is an expensive pastime, costing Canadian farmers millions of dollars a year.

But England's "Parasite Zoo" comes to the rescue by supplying parasites which lay eggs inside the sawfly grub so that when the sawfly grub is hatched the parasite egg is also hatched and proceeds to feed itself upon its unwilling host until there is no sawfly left to feed upon!

This war against insects, which is known as "biological control," really took practical shape in 1904 when General Gorgas became sanitary inspector of the death swamps of the Panama Canal zone and began to study the habits of the mosquito, which had killed 22,000 workers in eight years.

His triumph is now history. But what is not so well known is the fact that at that time there was scarcely one officially accredited entomologist in the British Empire.

To-day there are over three hundred highly-trained specialists sparing neither time nor effort in finding new means of defence and attack. Their work is not confined to the laboratory; their active service takes them into the remotest places in search of the scientific proof of the theory upon which they are staking everything, the theory that (to paraphrase an old rhyme)

If big fleas have little fleas
Upon their backs to bite
em,

Then little fleas have lesser
fleas,
And so ad infinitum!

That is why this year preparations were made, well in advance, for defensive action against an attack of the desert locust. Years of field-study have shown that the locust, whose damage is appalling and incalculable, swarms in cycles of ten or eleven years.

But there are locusts and locusts. South of the desert locusts are the tropical locusts, stretching from French Equatorial Africa to Tanganyika; south of these are the red locusts, then the brown locusts, whose terrifying hordes cost the Union of South Africa £2,000,000 a year and can strip areas larger than England completely clean of green life.



ARMIES of insects, known and unknown, are always attacking. They cost Canada \$25,000,000 a year, India \$150,000,000 a year, and America \$400,000,000. At home Britain's farmers are not without their insect troubles. Because of the prolonged drought in the spring British sugar-beet was attacked for the first time by the deadly black aphid, whose total annual damage here cannot be computed. It also attacked mangels and beans, while legions of caterpillars devoured acres of cabbages, and deadly armies of wireworms moved across our wheatlands and did untold damage to the cereal crops.

But the fight goes on. Each new type of crop produces a new insect enemy for whom there must be found a parasite, or anti-pest. Man cannot rest in this world-wide war.

It was Sir Guy Marshall, in his capacity of Director of the Imperial Institute of Entomology—or C.-in-C. of the Anti-Pest Army—who once said that if the insects were allowed to have their own way they could destroy the world's vegetation in one year.

That gives you some idea of the debt we owe to those scientists whom we facetiously call "bug-hunters." But the true value of their work can never be assessed in terms of £ s. d.

WED IN HASTE

Bandsman Charles Thomas, of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, and Marie Docherty met in the Ideal Home Exhibition at Edinburgh one Monday. She was working, he was playing there. On the Tuesday he proposed. On the Wednesday they were married under a tree on the Pentlands Hills, near Edinburgh, by Gretina's wedding priest, Richard Schmitt, who was at the exhibition. He brought his anvil from his Gretna anvil.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"He MUST care, a little—didn't he name his new bacteria discovery after me?"

This is OUR EMPIRE

I SHALL be dealing to-day with a string of Colonial territories inhabited by Europeans—such as Gibraltar, Malta and Cyprus, or by Asiatics, such as Aden, Ceylon, British Malaya and Hongkong.

Most of these have been under British government for a hundred years, i.e. much longer than tropical Africa, but not nearly so long as the West Indies.

There can be no denying that this chain of British Colonies through the Mediterranean, the Red Sea, and the Indian Ocean became British because of our Navy, and primarily for the needs of a Navy that had to police the great maritime trade routes from Britain to India, Australia, New Zealand and the Far East.

In the 19th century they were often called "coaling stations." To-day with the same naval requirements, and the added requirement of air bases, civil as well as military, this chain of British Colonies is as vital importance to the Dominions as to Great Britain.

Utility To Empire

The prosperity and good government of these islands and fortresses is as essential as their physical defence, for the internal peace and progress of each of them is as important in peace and war as their defence against foreign aggression. Their utility to the Empire as a whole depends in no small degree on the good relations of the people

THIS article comprises extracts from a talk given by Lord Harlech from the microphone at Broadcasting House, London, recently.

Lord Harlech, as Mr. Ormsby-Gore was Secretary of State for Colonies.

The manuscript of the talk was supplied by the courtesy of the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Hongkong has been British for close on one hundred years and is the headquarters of the China Squadron of the Royal Navy.

The overwhelming majority of its million inhabitants are Chinese. Aden became a British port and fortress before the opening of the Suez Canal.

The Colony and protectorate of Aden, of course, brings us into direct contact with the Arab world.

Cyprus, ceded to British administration by the Treaty of Berlin more than fifty years ago, is inhabited partly by Turkish and partly by Greek speaking Cypriots.

Malta And Gibraltar

Of all parts of the British Empire, it is the "archaeologist's" paradise, with the still visible remains of the art and monuments of Venice, of the Lusignan Kings, of the Crusaders, of the Byzantine, Roman and Hellenistic Empires, back even further to Persia, the Hittites, the Mycenaeans and the ancient Egyptians, and based ultimately on apparently rich indigenous Neolithic civilisation of its own.

Malta, our chief naval base in the Mediterranean, was, for two romantic centuries before it became British in the Napoleonic wars, under the rule of the international order of the Knights of St. John.

The Maltese, who are of European race, speak a language which is at root Semitic, and many go back far beyond the Saracenic occupation of the early Middle Ages to the time when Malta was predominantly under the influence of Carthage and the Carthaginian homeland of Phoenicia.

The extant remains of a high civilisation in Malta go back even earlier than those of Minoan Crete.

The Rock of Gibraltar has been British for over 200 years, that sentinel of the entrance and exit of the Mediterranean, the smallest of all British Colonies, but one of the most significant in our naval and military history, still vital to Imperial defence.

Local Patriotism

This talk has inevitably been but a descriptive sketch in outline.

Our scattered Colonial Empire includes in addition to the links of this chain, many islands in the Pacific Ocean, Mauritius, St. Helena, the Falkland Islands—all the consequence of British maritime adventure in generations now long past.

Each and all are other links with the great self-governing Dominions, the mortar between the great stones which are the ramparts of the Empire; they are the nerve centres of our vast Mercantile Marine but not only that, they are centres whence spread the knowledge and examples of British political and cultural ideas. Each unit has its own life, its own local patriotism, its own distinctive culture.

Loyalty To King

It is bound together by three things, first and most important, a common and generous loyalty to the varied peoples of these Colonies to the person of a single King; secondly, a sense of partnership in a great historic enterprise, and third, and don't let us forget it, by the Royal Navy, which created it and which is its material guardian in a now dangerous world.

In thinking over my memories of visits to these groups of Colonies—so varied in climate, in type, and degree. (Continued on Page 1.)

Dr. Schacht In England To Discuss Jewish Emigration

MILLIARD REICHMARKS OF CREDIT EXCHANGE MAY BE CONSIDERED

Guarantees Required From Jewish Bankers

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 14. DR. SCHACHT, the Reichsbank President, who is on his way from Basle to London, is, according to the Berlin correspondent of the "Telegraaf" to have had several long conversations with Field-Marshal Hermann Goering prior to Dr. Schacht's departure from the German capital.

The correspondent adds that as a result of those conversations, Dr. Schacht has been granted powers to negotiate with foreign quarters concerning the economic conditions of the emigration of German Jews.

Emigrants would be given "trade coupons" representing 15 per cent. of their fortune, which would be utilised by the countries of destination to import a supplementary amount of goods from Germany.

The paper reports that during his stay at Scheveningen, Dr. Schacht had an interview with the Belgian financier, M. Heilmann, who is President of the Belgian Electricity Company, and this indicates the possibility that the plan in question was discussed on this occasion. The paper believes that the plan will also be considered when Dr. Schacht has conversations with Mr. Montague Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, when he reaches London.—Trans-Ocean.

SPECULATION RIFE

London, Dec. 14. "Speculation is rife regarding the objects of the visit of Dr. Schacht, but it is generally understood that the visit is mainly concerned with negotiations for financing the emigration of Jews from Germany."

In this connection, it is believed that Dr. Schacht will propose an exchange of credit of about 1,000,000,000 reichsmarks to be provided by leading Jewish banks in England and the United States for assisting Jewish emigrants from the Reich, since the latter are not in a position to authorise the transfer abroad of their fortunes.

It is added that the credit would be repaid out of foreign exchange received for supplementary German exports, absorption of which would have to be guaranteed by foreign Jewish lenders.

The fact that the President of the Bank of International Settlements, Dr. Meyer, arrived here at the same time as Dr. Schacht, is considered evidence that the bank in question is prepared eventually to participate in the organisation of this scheme.

It is also believed in City circles that another object of Dr. Schacht's visit is to discuss Anglo-German economic relations in the light of the announced substantial increase of guarantee available to British exporters as a subsidy under the Exports Credits Plan.—Trans-Ocean.

9-Power Pact: Commons Questions

LONDON, Dec. 14. ANSWERING several questions relative to revision of the Nine-Power Treaty, Mr. R. A. Butler reiterated that he was unable to recognise any alteration in the position as defined in the treaties, brought about by unilateral action.

Mr. W. Gallacher (Cons.) asked: "Is the Minister not aware that the treaty is being revised without notice just as the war was started in China without notice?"

Mr. Butler: "I am fully aware of the difficulty of the position in the Far East. It is under our constant review. Perhaps Mr. Gallacher can take assurance from the answer I have given."—Reuter.

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Baptists In Rumania Close Churches

Bucharest, Dec. 14. The Baptists have closed all their 1,500 churches and missions as a protest against the Government's decision which requires fifty signatures from the heads of families for permission to conduct each place of worship.—Reuter Special.

London Stock Market Has Firm Tone

London, Dec. 14. The undertone continued firm on the London Stock Exchange to-day but prices generally tended to ease in the absence of business.

Industrials were irregular, but Oils were occasionally bought by Amsterdam. Commodities were generally rather more active, but there were no outstanding features.

Rubber sentiment was helped by the favourable figures of an American questionnaire. Wall Street was firm.—Reuter Special.

Corrigan Allowed Bail Of £1,000

London, Dec. 14. Dennis Michael Corrigan, who with Frederick Willing and his son, James Herbert Willing, is charged with conspiring to defraud Theodore Lafitte of £7,250, and with attempting to obtain a further £4,000 from Lafitte by false pretences, has been granted bail of £1,000 surety, with the promise that he will report to the police every day.—Reuter.

Corrigan, who with the other two men, was last week committed for trial, was previously released half of any nature, despite the fact that a number of urgent pleas were made on his behalf. Police, during the preliminary hearings, contended that Corrigan could easily make his way out of the country.

Lithuania Willing To Co-operate

Kaunas, Dec. 14. It is understood in authoritative circles that the Lithuanian Government would be prepared to accept the German interpretation of the Memel Statute in order to stabilise the situation.

It will never agree, however, to the detachment of Memel from Lithuania.—Reuter.

WPA Nap Nearly Fatal

BUTTE, Mont. Sneaking a sleep on a WPA project can entail even greater dangers than merely getting discharged. A local worker slipped under a warehouse platform to take his nap and was sleeping soundly when a truck drove onto the platform. The support gave way, and the truck settled on the ground only a foot from the sleeper's head.

WARSHIPS FOR HANKOW

Three British Ships To Go Up Yangtse

Shanghai, Dec. 15. After prolonged conversations on Wednesday between the Commander-in-Chief of the British and Japanese naval forces, three British gunboats left Hankow to proceed up the Yangtse to relieve those British gunboats now lying in the upper and middle Yangtse.

Twelve Germans, 15 British, and 14 other nationals from Kuling arrived here on Wednesday on board a Japanese cargo boat.—Trans-Ocean.

NEW TYPE OF ICE MACHINE

Will Revolutionise Refrigeration

Hamburg, Dec. 15. The first mobile ice making machine, believed destined to revolutionise the whole system of refrigeration was just perfected by the Hamburg inventor F. W. Fechner. Basing his idea upon the fact that water freezes ice crystals that separate first are practically free from salt or impurities, and that it is possible, by keeping the freezing water agitated to remove even bacteria, Fechner made experiments which proved that water which per unit contained 522 bacteria, treated in this way yielded ice with no more than 24 bacteria per unit. The chief uses of this new machine while being on ships at sea, above all on those engaged in deep sea fishing, where great economy should be realised if drinking water could be made from salt water, and where a constant supply of ice would enable any quantity of fish to be kept fresh by refrigeration.—Trans-Ocean.

U.S. Fears Franco Victory

Belligerent Rights May Upset Anglo-American Harmony

Washington, Dec. 14. It is learned that Mr. Anthony Eden has received information that the Administration believes a victory for General Franco would be contrary to the United States interests due to the fact that it might imply a possible Italo-German base in Spain.

In response from high officials as to whether Britain will grant General Franco belligerent rights, Mr. Eden said: "I hope not."

It is reported that the Administration officials indicated that the British recognition of belligerency, encouraging a starvation blockade of the Loyalists, would not be conducive to Anglo-American harmony.

Influential circles conversing with Mr. Eden suggested the possibility that he might succeed Mr. Chamberlain on the grounds that, in the event of British resistance to totalitarianism, Mr. Eden would be the logical choice.

It is understood that Mr. Eden agrees with the Administration officials that the United States friendship with the world democracies must be strengthened, but without a formal coalition.—United Press.

Lens Shows Up Mars

Oakland, Cal. Alfred Leach, president of the East Bay Astronomical association, has built a telescope in his garage which built a 9-inch Newtonian reflector that has permitted him to make observations of Mars that have convinced him the planet has life on it.



Britain, governing Palestine through a mandate of the League of Nations, is attempting to stamp out acts of terrorism that have upset the Holy Land in frequent clashes between Jews and Arabs. Here, a member of the Royal West Kent's brings in two bandits captured near Tul Karum. British have erected barbed-wire internment camps.

Rhodesia Opposes Rendition

Capetown, Dec. 14. The unofficial members passed a resolution in the Legislative Council of Northern Rhodesia to-day opposing the return to Germany of African mandated territories.

The resolution asks the Governor to inform the Colonial Secretary that in the members' opinion, a return would constitute a serious menace to the Empire.—Reuter.

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Mr. Kwok Tso-long	1.00
Mr. Sheto Lien	1.00
Christmas Dinner	1.00
Sir Robert Ho Tung	10.00

Anti-Jew Racial Laws In Italy

Chamber Of Deputies Ceases To Exist

Rome, Dec. 14. The Chamber of Deputies, in the presence of Signor Mussolini, to-day unanimously approved five decrees embodying anti-Jewish racial legislation, and also a Bill creating a Chamber of Fascist Corporations which next spring replaces the Chamber of Deputies.—United Press.

LAST DEMOCRATIC RELIC DESTROYED

Rome, Dec. 14. The Chamber of Deputies, the last relic of democratic days, terminated its existence to-day after 90 years of life.

The last acts done were to pass a new racial law, and a law providing for the mobilisation of deputies irrespective of age in a time of war, and their assignment to front-line units.

VOTE OF CENSURE

Labour Party Framing Vital Motion

London, Dec. 14. The Labour Party, which is planning a vote of censure in connection with the debate on Foreign Affairs in the Commons on Monday, has framed it so unequivocally that its adoption might mean the downfall of the Government.

The terms of the motion have not yet been finally settled, but they are expected to be of very wide scope, including the results arising out of the Munich agreement, Spanish war and Sino-Japanese hostilities, the recent visit to Paris and projected visit to Rome.—United Press.

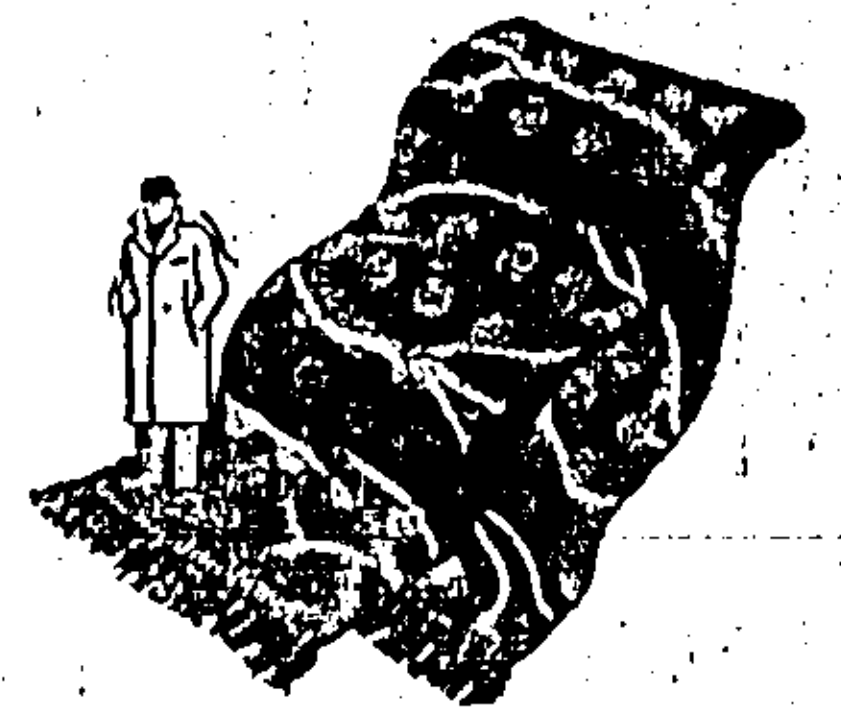
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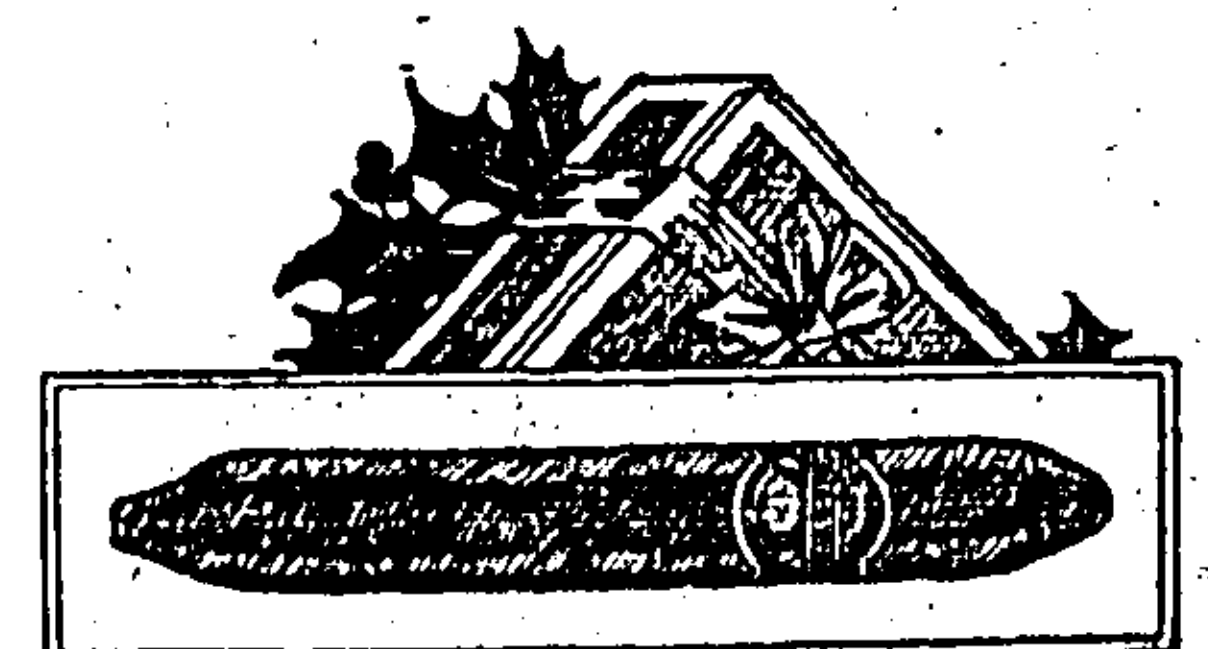
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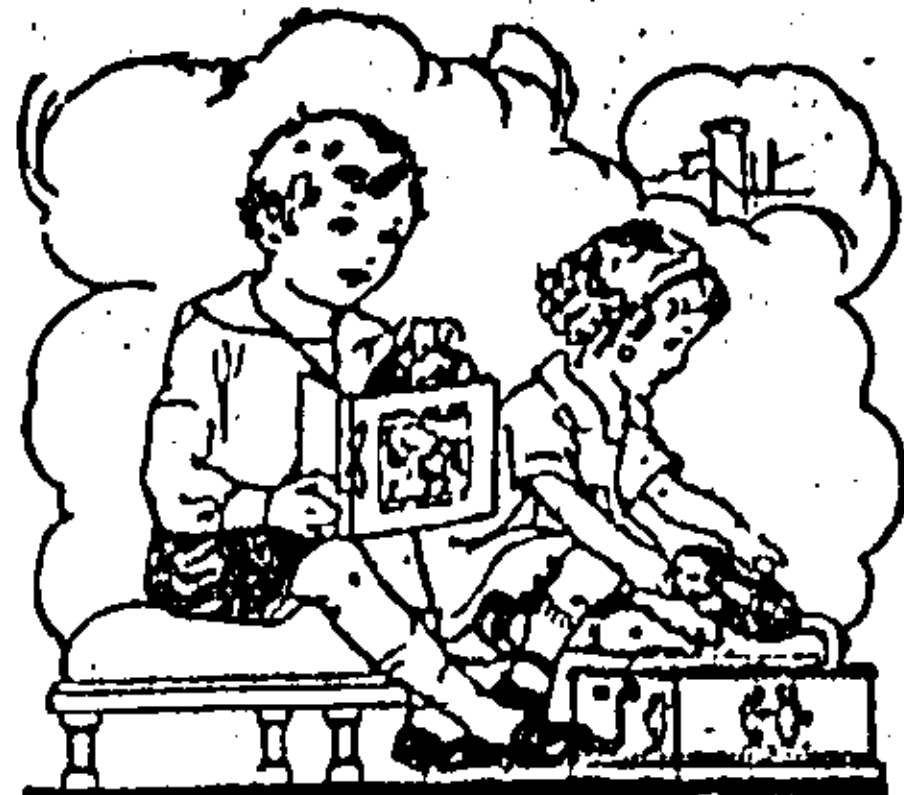
Fireworks Trap Smuggler

MURRAYVILLE, B. C. Thomas F. Alex, barber, was fined \$50 for smuggling fireworks from the United States. Officers at a border customs house found 893 small packages of firecrackers concealed in his car.

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Dancer of 21 Accused of Bigamy

A Liverpool school teacher, whose "wife," a 21-year-old dancer, was alleged to have bigamously married him, told the Liverpool magistrates recently that if her marriage to a man named Isaac in South Africa was legal, he would marry her when she was free.

The girl's name was given as Doris Marguerite Isaacs, of Mossville Road, Garston, Liverpool, and she was remanded, charged with bigamously marrying Michael Francis O'Grady. The prosecution could not complete the case because an expert on the law of South Africa had to be called.

Isaacs was a member of a dancing troupe touring South Africa in October, 1936, it was stated, and became acquainted with a salesman named Walter Isaacs. In January of this year she was married to him in Petermaritzburg.

"I WAS UNDER AGE"
On her return to England the following month the girl resumed an acquaintanceship with Mr. O'Grady. On July 20 this year they went through a form of marriage at Liverpool.

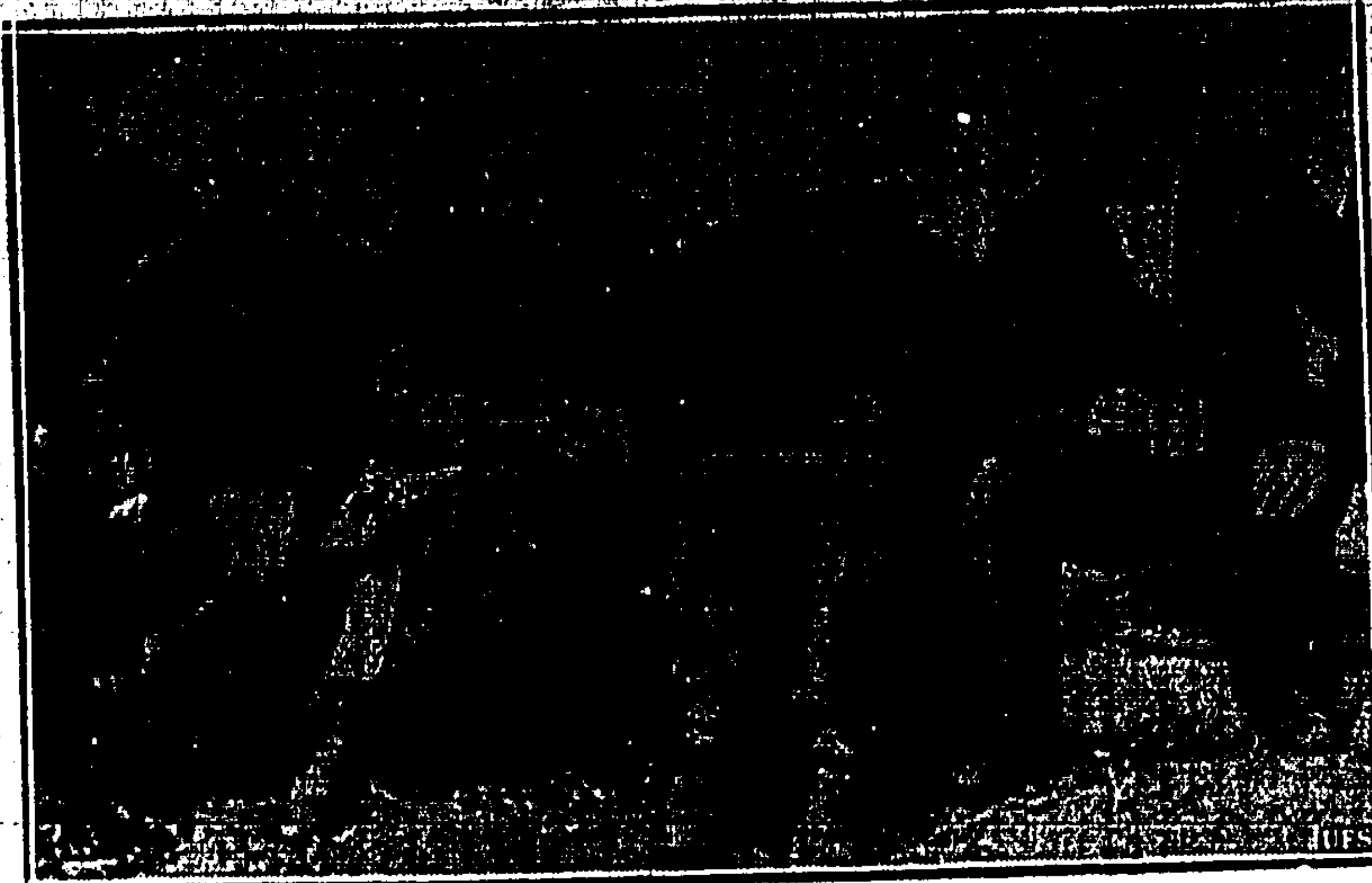
When on August 31 Isaacs was seen by a detective who made a statement in which it was alleged she said she did not realise she had married Isaacs until she got some papers to sign.

"I had told him I was under age and he said give me age as 22," continued the statement.

"I did not live with him as his wife and I left Durban the same week and did not see him any more. I did not think the marriage was binding. It was told by numerous people that as I was under 21 at the time and had not obtained my parents' consent it had not been a proper marriage."

Diogenes, Here He Is!

Fort Ross, Cal.
Diogenes in his search for an honest man missed a great opportunity by not being here. The occasion was the return of John Stockoff to pay back with interest a \$5 loan made him by Frank Thomas 48 years ago. Thomas had forgotten the loan.



Some of the Jews ousted by Nazis from their homes in Sudetenland, yet refused admittance by Czechoslovakia. About 150 families are living in improvised shelters on the Sudeten-Czech border, uncertain as to their future. The man at right was a Ludenberg merchant who had been decorated for bravery with the German army in the World War.

BOY OF 16 DOES NOT KNOW REAL NAME

In spite of several days' search through marriage and birth certificates at Somerset House, the police failed to trace the identity of the parents of a 16-year-old boy who appeared at West London Juvenile Court as being in need of care and protection.

A man with whom the boy lived at Staines had been sent to prison for six months. He told a detective-sergeant: "I adopted the boy eight or nine years ago through a newspaper advertisement, but cannot remember which paper."

"I do not remember the boy's real name. The boy also does not know his real name or in which part of the country he used to live. He is to remain in the remand home while further inquiries are made."

Yachtswoman Marries Her Skipper

Oban.
Yachting romance was revealed at Oban recently, when Miss Florence Margaret Dudgeon, of Enmore, Mull, 35-year-old wealthy yachtswoman, was married before Sheriff Chalmers to black-bearded, 60-year-old James Andrew Bray, master mariner and captain of her auxiliary sailing yacht Ben Hiant.

The bride wore a Balmoral bonnet with a large feather attached and a tartan dress. No member of her family was present.

The couple travelled to Oban in the morning on the Mull mailboat Lochinvar.

WAS TRAWLER MASTER
Formerly master of a Brixham trawler, the bridegroom was signed on by Miss Dudgeon as captain of the Ben Hiant a few years ago when she was cruising in English waters. For 14 years the bride has lived almost

FIELD - MARSHAL CARRIED ASHORE

Field-Marshal Lord Birdwood, who attended the funeral of Kemal Ataturk, the Turkish dictator, was carried ashore with an injured foot when he arrived at Folkestone Harbour recently.

He was met by Lady Birdwood with a car and taken to his home, Deal Castle, Kent, where he was said to be improving. The injury is not serious.

Owing to an infected foot, caused by an accident in Paris, Lord Birdwood, who is 73, was unable to walk in the funeral procession at Angora, where he acted as the King's deputy.

wholly on board the Ben Hiant, which has a crew of four.

After the civil ceremony the couple walked back to the Lochinvar, which was gaily bedecked with flags and bunting, and returned to Mull.

"We are very happy and have no plans for the future," Mrs. Bray said. "From now on, however, we hope to make the Ben Hiant our home."

STOMACHS BURNED WITH ACID

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Nobody should neglect indigestion pains. For indigestion is a sign that, after eating, too much acid is being made in your stomach. If you allow this to continue, more and more of this acid will be produced, more than can usefully be utilised in the work of digesting your food. The spare acid has to do something. And it certainly does! It acts to work to burn away the stomach lining. Inflamed, sore places begin to form, ending in agonising ulcers.

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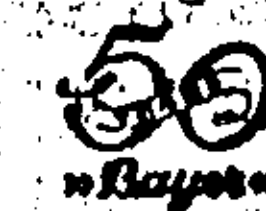
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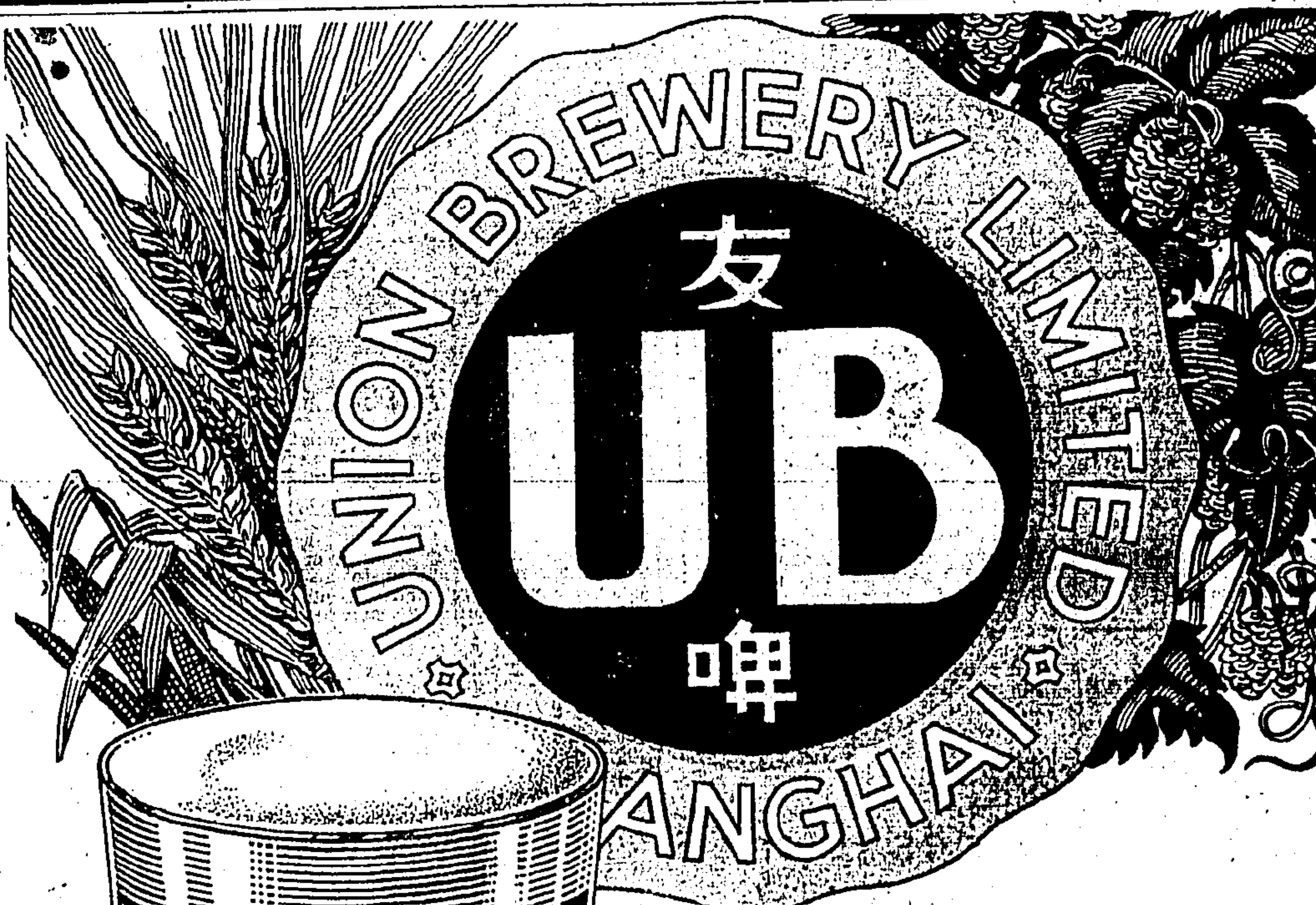
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DULL PLAY SEEN IN TENNIS SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. Skinner, Mrs. Tracey Successful

Mrs. Skinner and Mrs. Tracey entered the final of the Ladies Tennis doubles championship of the Colony yesterday by defeating Mrs. Burnett and Miss V. Bradbury at the United Services R. C. by 5-7, 6-0, 7-5.

For such a late stage of the competition, the standard of play seen was a trifle disappointing, with both pairs hugging the base-line, there was too little variation. Drives were the order of the day, and there was no volleying or smashing.

The younger pair took a lead of 3-1 in the first set, and though Mrs. Skinner and Mrs. Tracey levelled up at 4-4, Mrs. Burnett and Miss Bradbury led again at 5-4 and then 6-5, before breaking through Mrs. Tracey's service in the twelfth game to clinch the set.

Making many mistakes, Mrs. Burnett and Miss Bradbury were overwhelmed in the second set, which Mrs. Skinner and Mrs. Tracey won without conceding a single game through deep driving and steady play.

INTERESTING SET

The third set proved the most interesting. Mrs. Burnett and Miss Bradbury went ahead to 2-1 and then 3-1, only to be pulled up to 3-3. Then Mrs. Skinner and Mrs. Tracey took the lead at 4-3. However, the younger pair came back to win the eighth game to level the scores.

Leading 40-love on her service, Miss Bradbury had a great chance of annexing the all-important ninth game, but the opportunity was missed and Mrs. Skinner and Mrs. Tracey not only deuced the game but also won it to lead 5-4.

However, Mrs. Tracey also dropped her service, and the game was again squared.

Then, as if too shy to succeed where the others had failed, Mrs. Burnett followed suit and lost her service, thus giving her opponents the lead at 6-5.

This time Mrs. Skinner made no mistake and held her service to win out at 7-5.

DULL EXCHANGES

All four players indulged in baseline stroking, and the winners, by their steadiness, emerged victorious. There were no volleys nor smashes, and at times the exchanges were very dull.

Miss Bradbury was more forceful than Mrs. Burnett, but she showed a weakness in her backhand, which was exploited by her opponents. Mrs. Tracey was the better of the two winners, her splendid length and steady play carrying her partner through many a long rally.

Mrs. Skinner and Mrs. Tracey will now meet the winners of the Miss P. Anderson and Miss Young Wai-bun v. Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu match.



Douglas Hung, at the finish of a swing in the softball match between the Machine Gunners and the Chinese Baseballers. There is power in his swing, but unfortunately he missed the ball.—Photo by Jaffer.

ANOTHER ROMANCE RUMOURED

Mrs. Moody Again In Limelight

London, Nov. 25. An engagement may shortly be announced between Mrs. Helen Willis Moody, eight times winner of the Wimbledon lawn tennis singles championship, and Mr. Aidan Roark, thirty-two-year-old British international polo player, says the Daily Express.

Mr. Roark was asked to confirm the news in New York last night. He refused to make any statement.

Mrs. Moody, who is thirty-two, was granted a divorce at Reno (Nevada) in August after accusing her husband, a San Francisco stockbroker, of mental cruelty.

During her stay in Reno she said: "I wouldn't go so far as to say there isn't another man in my life, but I have no plans for marriage again right now."

Mr. Aidan Roark's first marriage, to Esther Moore, former wife of a wealthy rancher, was dissolved at Los Angeles. Mrs. Roark alleged he was "rude and brusque" to her.

Mr. Roark holds a post with Twentieth Century-Fox in Hollywood. He is tall, dark, handsome.

F.A. Cup Replay Ends In Draw

London, Dec. 14. In the second round re-play in the F.A. Cup, Mansfield, at home, battled to a 3-3 draw with Halifax to-day after extra time had been played.—Reuter.

Boon After Lightweight Boxing Title

Punching Ability Against Crowley's Greater Ringcraft

London, Dec. 14. One of the most thrilling lightweight boxing contests in years is anticipated at Harringay Arena tomorrow night when the Londoner, Dave Crowley, is defending his British championship against the 18-year-old blacksmith's assistant, Eric Boon, of Cambridgeshire.

The fight will be over 15 rounds. Boon undoubtedly will bank everything in his exceptional punching ability, but it is problematical whether he is capable of creating the necessary openings against the experienced ringcraft of Crowley, whose bobbing, weaving and non-stop methods make him a difficult target.—Reuter.

Squash

James Dear Wins British Open Title

London, Dec. 14. James Dear won the British open squash title to-day, beating A. E. Biddle by 6-9, 9-1, 9-2 and 9-0.

Dear won the first match last week by three games to two.

The Egyptian master, Amr Bey, who was holder of the title for five years, did not compete.—Reuter.

FOOTBALL TAUGHT BY EXPERTS

New York. Boys who want to learn football from "old masters" will have that opportunity in the Academy of Sport at the New York World's Fair 1939. Free classes in every department of the game are to be taught during September and October of next year by such expert coaches and players as Jim Crowley of Tottenham, Mike Stevens of N.Y.U., "Pop" Warner of Temple, Lou Little of Columbia, "Chick" Meahan, Benny Friedman of C.C.N.Y., Larry Kelly of Peoria, Alexander Wojciechowski of the Detroit Lions and Marshall Goldberg of the University of Pittsburgh.—United Press.

OUR WEEKLY HOCKEY FEATURE

'The Pilgrim' on— IMPORTANCE OF THE CAPTAIN ON THE HOCKEY FIELD LEADERSHIP MAY HELP TO WIN MANY MATCHES

The ideal captain is born, though one may become very experienced by long acquaintance with sport and in the handling of men. The importance of electing a leader who has the power to command and to instruct cannot be over-estimated.

One often sees a captain going through the whole game without a remark or suggestion to his side, although he has possibly seen many instances of faulty passing, poor tactics or even cases of extreme selfishness. The good captain will dictate tactics in a kindly, yet authoritative manner and so secure the fullest confidence of his players. Players who may not have the inherent intuition to lead should not accept the position. The policy of making the best player your captain is a blunder of the first magnitude. I have seen many unwise actions of this kind.

The good captain should not be the bullying autocrat, but he can be termed the kind autocrat. Sound captaincy instils into a side perfect esprit de corps, and a strong captain can prevent little jars or incidents on the field by the exercise of tact and firmness. The passive captain is useless; he must lead or he fails.

CAPTAIN'S DUTIES

It is when the match is going against his side that his initiative and knowledge of what real captaincy means should be shown. A hint here and there, a change of position



Ribeiro, the brilliant young Recreio goal-keeper, who has been showing consistently fine form this season.

or plan, encouragement of this or that player, and an ability to appreciate the respective temperaments of his men are big assets in successful captaincy.

On and off the field, the captain should be the leader—one of engaging personality whose word is accepted as final.

Already this season, our old friends, "barging" and "boring" are becoming more prominent than ever, whilst dangerous hitting by backs and halves has been regrettably frequent; this, along with the incorrect rolling-in, scooping the ball well up in the air in the circle and other faults need prompt attention.

In regard to the roll-in, why is it so difficult to get a man to know what the process of ROLLING IN is? "Hurling" is more like the general interpretation; before long, I can see a new rule framed to cut it out simply, because players will not trouble to learn to play the game.

HELP THE UMPIRE

Captains may help to suppress foul play, play, though strict umpiring is the only solution; they should take particular pains to point out that it is the ignorance and inefficiency of their own players that is causing the frequent stoppages.

No illegality should be ignored in mid-field. Foul play is foul play wherever it occurs, and if a player uses his foot to push his stick at the ball, well, pull him up. Personally I think it a mistake to allow the foot to be used to support the stick at all, for a half or back to do so is manifestly unfair to the coming forward.

By giving their men friendly advice during a game, captains would be helping the umpires a great deal.

STANDINGS OF TEAMS IN THE H.K.H.A. TOURNEY

The following is the League Table in the H.K.H.A. Tournament.

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Radio & P.S.C.	5	4	0	1	14	4	19
Recreio	5	3	2	0	12	8	16
C.B.A.	4	3	2	0	9	3	14
Normans	4	2	2	0	11	7	10
"Police"	4	2	2	0	12	6	10
R.I.T.C.	3	1	1	1	10	7	5
Alves	3	1	1	1	10	7	5
R.A.O.C.	3	0	3	0	1	15	0
Police "B"	3	0	3	0	0	14	0

MACAO VISITS

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the Navy were unable to visit Macao last Sunday. Lt. Commr. Bowerman informs me, however, that he is sending a combined Navy XI to play Macao on January 8.

An Army Officers' team is making the trip on Sunday. The team on paper looks a good one and an interesting game should be seen.

SAMUEL TO RETURN TO MALAYA THIS MONTH Surprise Decision Of Badminton Champion

"I am sorry to tell you that I have decided to return to Malaya next month. I find it impossible to play on account of the cold. It is 48 degrees in my room, while outside it is worse."

A. S. Samuel, Malayan badminton champion, writes the above in a letter from London to a friend in Malaya. Recently it was stated that Samuel had been so sick on the voyage home that he felt it would take him at least six weeks to recover.

The whole tone of Samuel's letter indicates that he is unhappy under conditions in England and at the time of writing—at the end of last month—he had played only one game of badminton. The match was against Young at Cambridge and the Malayan champion won 2-15, 15-12, 15-0.

CONDITIONS DIFFERENT

Writing about the game he said: "Conditions are so different over here. It was so cold that I suffered more than I enjoyed the game." My feet were paralysed with cold and I could not run very much."

Samuel has entered for the Welsh championships in the singles, the mixed, and the men's doubles.

He is convinced that it will be his only tournament in England. With a view to inducing him to remain in England, his friends in Kuala Lumpur, have sent him the following cable: "Letter received. Contents surprising. Insist remain another month."

Middlesex Success In Rugger Tie

London, Dec. 14. Middlesex scored an important victory in the County Rugby Championship to-day, beating Sussex at Boxhill by 27 points to 11.—Reuter.

PASSIVE CAPTAIN IS OF NO USE

UMPIRES FAIL TO TURN UP

A couple of teams participating in the H.K.H.A. Tournament have made complaints of the non-appearance of umpires who have been detailed to officiate at a game.

It is extremely annoying for any team to find itself in such a predicament, and I think the least an umpire could do is to phone the Secretary of the Umpires Hockey Board if he is unable to officiate so that a substitute could be found in time.

It is the first occasion the Association has undertaken to run such a tournament, and mishaps of such a nature are not entirely unexpected. But teams, I think, would do well to have an umpire of their own ready.

The Umpires Board will, I am sure, look into the matter if complaints are made in writing to the Secretary of the Board.



Miss Remedios, the Recreio Ladies' right wing, is playing very well at the moment.

HERE AND THERE WITH "PILGRIM"

BRILLIANT goal-keeping by young Ribeiro was the outstanding feature of the Recreio victory over the R.A.F. last Sunday. I can see this youngster having an important trial this season.

THE inclusion of J. Fonseca, from Shanghai, at inside-right made a great difference to the Recreio team, especially in the attack. The forwards were so impressive that the goal seemed inevitable, and quite rightly Fonseca scored.

THOUGH their own goal was often subjected to great pressure, the R.A.F. might have equalled and quite possibly have won had it not been for the splendid tackling of W. A. Reed, R. Marques and T. Alves, the Recreio halves. The full-backs, Rodrigues and J. Goncalves, were excellent and cleared their ranks well. It was a great game and play went on without a dull moment.

R.A.F. showed second-half forwards superiority, but their forwards were guilty of several misses. Had Woods, Bartlett and Medd been more cautious in front of goal, and brought the all-important flick shot into play, they would probably have won the match.

THE wing-halves, Miller and Kennedy fought with determination and, considering his age, held out wonderfully well. Dawson was not quite at home and the bumpy surface spoiled his manoeuvring. Smeeton, at left back, was again prominent with his powerful clearances. The visitors' defence, in general, left nothing to be desired, but the attack lacked a sharp-shooting forward.

IT was a convincing win the "Y" Ladies scored at King's Park last Saturday when they defeated C.B.A. by 6-1. With only 10 players, the Champions thoroughly deserved their win. The forwards played well together and received good support from the halves. In the absence of

Miss A. Fowler, Mrs. Burke played the one-back game to perfection. One little bit of advice to Miss McCaw, the centre-half; she will be ruining her game if she continues to support her stick with her foot. She seems to be over-doing it of late and will soon be pulled up for obstruction unless she remedies this fault.

AND what was wrong with the C.B.A. Ladies? To me, the team was obviously suffering from lack of practice. The backs, Miss Everest and Miss Whitley, hung too far back and were shaky in their clearances. Miss I. Woolley, the pivot, was hard-working, but her defence at times fell to pieces, and could not master the fast-moving "Y" forwards. Mrs. White, leader, played a lone game and had her efforts been supplemented by more effective work among the forwards, a closer result would certainly have been obtained. After their promising start, I hope the C.B.A. have not fared away.

AFTER a good struggle in their Brawn Cup fixture last Saturday, Recreio "A" defeated C.B.A. by 2-0. Miss C. Silva, at centre-forward, was a big menace in the Recreio raids and Miss Remedios, on the right wing, did some dazzling work. I was glad to see the display given by Miss Osmond at right-half; she is only a junior player and deserves her position in the team. The more experienced Miss Botelho, at left back, was a pillar of strength. As a team, the Portuguese girls played together well. If they happen to win their remaining fixtures, the Brawn Cup will be theirs.

THE C.B.A. Ladies started well but their forwards could make no impression, and many promising attacks were held up by bad combination. Nevertheless, the defence was served by three great defenders, Miss Bone, Miss Black, and Miss Dunn. It was anything but a classic display, but there was at least honest endeavour.

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Taipan's Name Posted at Jockey Club: Libel Claim

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tailed \$9.10 for excess fodder, which he declined to pay until he had received substantial proof that such excess fodder had been consumed.

"IN FULL SETTLEMENT"

"He accordingly enclosed his cheque 'in full settlement' having deducted the \$9.10 from the bill.

"In his letter Mr. Brayfield had made a mistake in referring to one pony only whereas he had two, and he also wrote 121 lbs of fodder when he meant 11 lbs but with these mistakes rectified the position was that his two ponies were stated to have consumed 1 1/2 lbs excess fodder each per day at 10 cents per lb. and Mr. Brayfield had reason to believe that his ponies had not actually received all this fodder.

"Several letters passed between the parties, the Jockey Club stating that the amount of fodder each pony should receive was entirely a matter between the owner and trainer—with which I agree. However, the Jockey Club went on to say that the trainer had said that each pony consumed 4 1/2 lbs. excess fodder each per month.

"It is remarkable that each animal should have so exactly shared the excess complained of.

"Mr. Brayfield wrote back that he could not accept this statement as affording substantial proof. His argument was that there were nine or ten other ponies in these stables and the amount of feed for each could be measured. It had since come to light that the feed was measured separately but no records were kept.

"The Stewards had been kept informed of the progress of events and eventually, when Mr. Brayfield was still not satisfied, one Steward to whom the matter had been circulated wrote that he saw no reason why the account should not be paid.

"SHOULD NOT WORRY US"

"Mr. Brayfield should not worry us in this stupid manner. If he does not pay, he should be turned out of the Club."

"Mr. Brayfield was told that if he did not agree with the account, he must move his ponies from the premises and, in a following letter he was told that his name had been posted under Article 79 of the Club's Articles.

"Having been treated in this way, Mr. Brayfield consulted Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, who wrote to the defendants pointing out that it was abundantly clear from the correspondence that Mr. Brayfield was not unable to pay the account but was disputing it, and therefore the Club had no right to post his name under Article 79, as it only referred to undisputed claim.

APOLOGY REQUESTED

"The letter also asked for an apology within one week, posted not only in the Clubhouse but also to be published in the Press.

"At that time Mr. Brayfield was not making any claim for damages, as he was not out to make money, but asked that his legal expenses, which were then extremely small, be paid.

"On behalf of the defendants, Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master sent a reply in which they said that the Stewards went into the matter and had satisfied themselves that the account was correct at the same time saying they had no alternative but to post Mr. Brayfield's name. They further said their action was without malice but was privileged. Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist subsequently sent another letter to the defendants, pointing out that the malice underlying the libel was the phrase 'no alternative'.

"Defendants had two alternatives, one of which was to take legal action to recover the money and the other to sell the ponies and satisfy themselves with the debt, which they were entitled to do.

DID NOT REPLY

"Curiously enough, the defendants, although they said they were acting in a way in which they could only act, did not reply to this letter."

"Counsel then referred to the formal pleadings, in which plaintiff alleged that the innuendo from the notice was that defendants meant or understood to mean that he was unable to pay his account, was a defaulter, and that if the account was not paid within seven days he ceased to be a member of the Club.

"The defence admitted publication of the notice, that it meant plaintiff had failed to pay his account and that in consequence he was a defaulter. Defendants, however, claimed their action was a privilege, but this, Counsel submitted, was a matter entirely for the Court.

"If the Court found that there was in fact privilege, then a further question had to be considered—had the defendants acted within the circumstances laid down by the privilege or had they gone outside and abused that privilege given by law?

"Counsel said his case was that the defendants did abuse the privilege



MR. T. H. G. BRAYFIELD

by forcing plaintiff to pay the account which he was still disputing, under Article 79, whereas that Article referred only to undisputed claims.

"The object of the Article, he submitted, was never intended to force a person to pay an account which was being disputed.

"Continuing, Counsel said that Mr. Brayfield would give evidence that his ponies were already amply fed by himself from his own pocket, and that the fodder supplied by the Club was vastly in excess of the quantity recommended by Major Hogg.

"The trainer would also be called to say that the way in which the food was allocated was such as no one would expect it to be.

"Counsel concluded his opening by referring to the question of damages. He said that if the jury found there was libel, it was entirely up to them to assess damages, but they must take into consideration the circumstances and the annoyance to which his client had been put.

MR. BRAYFIELD'S EVIDENCE

"Mr. Brayfield in the witness box, said he had been a member of the Jockey Club since 1909 and started racing in 1921.

"In reply to Mr. Macnamara he agreed that he had twice previously paid small charges for excess fodder but in one case he was satisfied by the then stable manager, Mr. Kinchin, and on the second occasion the amount was paid while he, witness, was away.

"In February this year he had Salvage Master and Shipmaster in his stable. He made no arrangement with the trainer as regards excess fodder and he disagreed with the course for feeding circulated by Mr. Brown. Brown in January 1938, recommending among other things, between 12 and 13 lbs. of feed per day.

"I consider it insufficient for a pony in hard training," witness said, and added that he supplied his ponies from his own pocket with extra feed commensurate among other things, be in the shape of soy beans, gram, broken maize, lucerne, and fresh eggs broken into the feed to the amount of about 2 1/2 lbs. each pony per day.

"Mr. Macnamara: "Did you give them any extra rations from the Jockey Club?"

"Witness: Not with these extra rations of mine.

"So you were surprised when you got the bill for extra feed?—I was.

"I suppose your letters represent your views still?—Yes.

"You made certain experiments with regard to finding out how much feed the ponies should have?—Yes. (Witness produced a complete itinerary of forage he had prepared).

DEMAND FOR PAYMENT

"Did you have a talk with Mr. Pearce of the Jockey Club on April 19?—Yes. He demanded that I should pay this money. I said I was still waiting substantial evidence that the ponies had ever had this excess and I pointed out that Mr. Brown's letter—to a man with Mr. Pearce's experience on jury work could not be treated as evidence. Mr. Pearce asked what sort of evidence I wanted and I said the bins should be measured.

"What did Mr. Pearce say to that?—He said, in a very irascible manner, surely, I was not going to be so

foolish as to suggest that, so I raised my hat and walked away.

"You had an interview with Mr. Brown?—Yes, prior to that. He adopted the same attitude and would not listen to the proposals to weigh the feed. Witness produced a walking stick marked off in lengths which, dipped in the bin, would show the amount of fodder contained in cubic feet.

"Did Salvage Master or Shipmaster win?—Yes, Salvage Master won at the annual meeting and had two second placings.

"Only one other pony from that stable won?—Yes, Little Audrey. Witness agreed that the records showed that 183 lbs excess fodder had been divided between himself and Wolf & Harrison who shared the stable.

WOULD HAVE PAID

"Cross-examined by Mr. Potter: If in fact Tau Ko-po, your trainer, had given this excess feed to your ponies, would you have paid?—I would have been annoyed and surprised, but I would have paid.

"Tau Ko-po is still your trainer?—He is still my trainer, but he is an employee of the Jockey Club. I am not trying to trap you; I think I should find it difficult to do not let us dispute about words. He is still your trainer?—Yes, and a very competent man.

"But, according to you, a very dishonest man?—I have never said so. He informed the accountant of the Jockey Club that he 'gave your ponies 91 lbs. of extra feed?—I never said so. He is a highly reputable man.

"Are you aware that he in fact, told the accountant that the extra feed had been consumed by your ponies?—I do not know it.

"You have been racing under the new stable rules since 1935 and you do not know if the Jockey Club has interfered with your trainer as regards the feed to be given to the ponies?—They have not interfered with me.

"I can understand that. But with regard to your trainer?—I do not know. They should interfere with the trainer and see that the boxes are scoured out.

"IS THAT YOUR ANSWER?"

"Asked whom he would consult to see if extra feed had been supplied Mr. Brayfield said he wrote to the secretary. Pressed for a further answer he said he did not know.

"His Lordship: Is that really your answer?"

"Mr. Potter: It is, I have given him several chances.

"His Lordship: To whom would you go in the stable to ask about excess feed?"

"Witness: The mafao or the trainer. Mr. Potter: It took Your Lordship to extract that answer.

"Mr. Potter: If I tell you that your trainer reported to the accountant on February 28 that this extra feed had been consumed by your ponies, would you be satisfied?"

"Witness: I would conduct a proper inquiry.

"Mr. Potter described the system of supplying feed to the stables and dividing the excess used between the owners using the stable.

"His Lordship: I see the Jockey Club lose ten cents here.

Mr. Potter: Yes, it is not run like a small shop, but on a large scale and at a loss—to encourage horse racing and breeding.

"You said you declined to pay until substantial proof was made to you. I put it to you that you knew full well that the only substantial proof the Jockey Club could get would be from the trainer in the stables?—They have their own methods of investigation. The charge was made by the Secretaries, and I have to get it from them.

"But the only responsible person is the trainer, Tau?—Possibly the mafao as well.

"But obviously Tau?—He would be one and the mafao the other as he received the food from the measurers.

"And in your letter you said you objected strongly to the charge of \$1.50 for 24 iron nails. You think that is a fair statement?—Yes.

"But the items were actually for replacing one set of aluminium plates. In fact it also covered labour in taking off the ordinary shoes, cutting and trimming of hooves. You still tell the Jury that is not a fair rate?—Sure.

"AN UNREASONABLE MAN"

"After remarking that he would submit to the Jury that the letter was written by an unreasonable and obstinate man, Mr. Potter further asked: On April 8 you wrote to the Jockey Club and in referring to the charge of \$1.50 for replacing the plates, you said: 'It appears I have on previous occasions met this charge and a precedent having been established, I will do so again now.' You think that is a fair statement?—Yes.

"Are you aware that you have paid this same item on 16 different occasions since 1935?—No, but I remember I paid on many occasions.

"Then, why in the world did you object to pay it on March 19?—It seemed to me an excessive amount. It seemed to me \$1.50 was too high for a pair of used plates. Actually, in the country at Fanling you have to pay only \$2.50 for a whole set of shoes and nails. I considered \$1.50 for 24 iron nails as excessive, so I queried it.

"Do you mean to tell the Jury that you have forgotten you paid these items before?—I must have overlooked.

"And in the last paragraph of your letter you said that the cheque which you have sent us was for a wrong amount?—Yes, it was \$10 too little.

"I put it to you the letter was wholly wrong, was unpleasant and obstructive?—The cheque was undoubtedly \$10 wrong, and I corrected it sometime afterwards.

"Subsequently, you got a reply from the Jockey Club saying that enquiries had been made into the matter and that the trainer had confirmed the excess fodder. In spite of the fact that you have admitted he is an honest man, you still refused to pay. Did you speak to him after you had received this letter?—I don't think so. It might possibly have been a reply to an improperly put question.

"Did you say that the amount of fodder consumed was between owner and trainer?—I would notify Major Hogg if I wanted excess fodder.

"You know very well that the practice is not to go to Major Hogg but for the trainer to get the fodder himself?—I don't know.

"If excess fodder was agreed between you and Tau, the latter would go and get it?—I suppose so.

"On April 8, you wrote asking for substantial proof in respect of the excess fodder. You were therefore refusing to accept Tau's word?—Yes. Impossible to Eat So Much.

"Why?—Because it was so utterly impossible for the pony to have eaten so much.

"Why didn't you tell the Jockey

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Campbell added that he wished to call the police, but his wife would not let him. She had seen the man's revolver.

Club about this?—I already admitted I was prepared to pay for it provided substantial proof was forthcoming.

"And substantial proof would be a statement by Tau?—I suppose it is.

"You went on to say in your letter that the trainer had attended 12 ponies during February last and therefore presumed that the other owners might have also been charged \$9.10. Isn't that a rather unpleasant statement?—No.

"By that you mean Tau had no substantial evidence and that he might have charged everybody the same thing. You still say that is a fair statement?—Yes.

AN HONEST INFERENCE

His Lordship remarked that it was quite an honest inference for plaintiff to draw because why should one pony get excess fodder and others not.

"Mr. Potter pointed out that the other ponies might not have required it. The system was that for the sum of \$40 a month, one could get a stable, a trainer, mafao and 13 lbs. of free fodder. Any excess fodder was to be charged to the owner.

"His Lordship: I have a very limited experience.

"Mr. Potter: Mine may be a little less. In fact my only experience is when I owned a rather large donkey on my youth. (Laughter).

"Mr. Potter (to plaintiff): On April 11, Mr. Tau confirmed the excess fodder consumed by your ponies. I think you will agree that was the only substantial proof the Jockey Club could have got?—I agree, but Tau's reply might have been given to an improperly put question.

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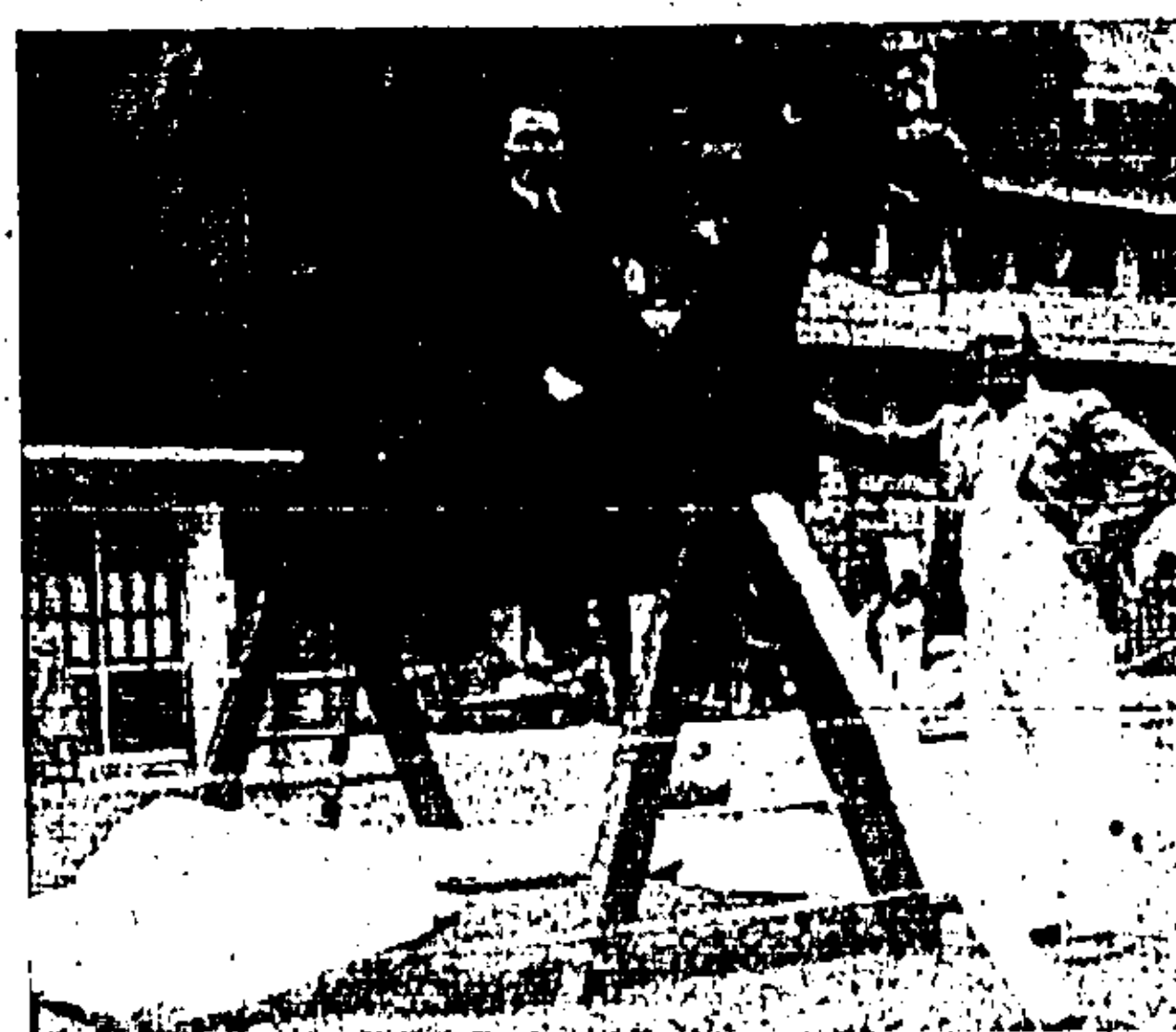
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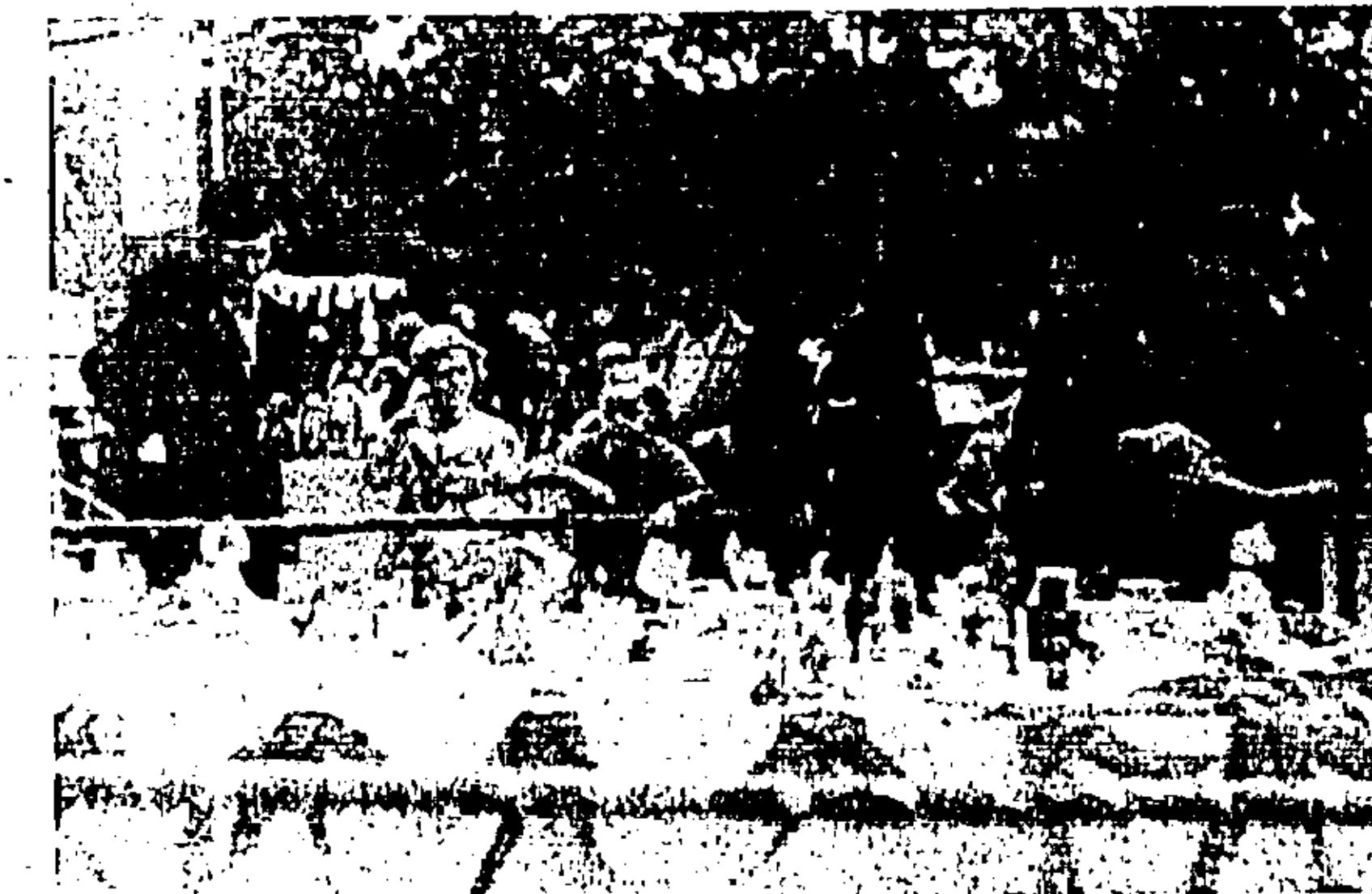
The Sea Horse proved great fun for both children and grown-ups at the Children's Fair held by the Ministering Children's League recently.—Staff Photographer.



Professor Munich, fortune-teller, was in great demand at the recent Children's Fair held at the Volunteer Headquarters.—Staff Photographer.



Miss Jan King, daughter of the Hon. Mr. T. H. King and Mrs. King, with helpers at the sweet stall at the Children's Fair organised by the M.C.L.—Staff Photographer.



The shute for kiddies was one of the most popular side-shows at the M.C.L. Children's Fair.—Ming Yuen.

The Hoop-la Stall attracted many people at the recent M.C.L. Children's Fair at Volunteer Headquarters.—Ming Yuen.



The best stall of all, according to the kiddies, was the Doll's Stall shown above.—Ming Yuen.

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Suez Canal: Jew Refugees Flock From Totalitarians

LONDON, Dec. 14. THERE IS A STRONG case that the Suez Canal, like other international waterways, should be put under proper international control, states the "Manchester Guardian" leader, which adds:

"It is to be hoped that in better days this will be done, but there seems to be no good reason beyond a general appeasement to grant Italy (or for that matter Germany and Japan) a share in the present management."

"None of these Powers believes in international control, or the cares and interests of other countries, and if Britain and France have little right to a monopoly control, Italy has less."

"This is another case where to give something for nothing would be mere folly."

The paper declares that Italy has rather a stronger case for demanding revision of the present dues which are still high.

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E. & A. SHIP DEPARTS ON SCHEDULE

AUSTRALIAN WATERSIDE workers in Sydney did not make good their threat to tie up the E. & A. liner Nellore.

A cablegram was received by the Hongkong agents yesterday, stating that the Nellore had departed for Hongkong on schedule.

Watersiders announced earlier this week that unofficial sanctions would be applied against any ship carrying iron ore, scrap metal or other cargoes suspected of being destined for Japan, which could be used by that country as war materials in the conflict with China.

According to a message from Sydney, the watersiders refused to load a cargo of iron ore into the Nellore at Piermont.

Similar action was threatened regarding portion of the cargo awaiting dispatch to Hongkong by the steamer Taiping.

The Hongkong office of the Eastern and Australian Line, agents for the Nellore, informed the "Telegraph" this morning that the ship had departed from Sydney on schedule.

No news had been received in Hongkong of any delay to the vessel's loading.

LONDON, Dec. 14. ANNOUNCING IN the House of Commons that he was unable to agree with an immediate additional immigration to Palestine of 10,000 young Jews, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald stated that strong representations had been made from Arab quarters that immigration would be completely stopped pending the outcome of the Palestine conference.

The Government felt that to make any alteration in the existing rate of immigration now, would prejudice one of the main subjects for discussion in London.

Continuing, Mr. MacDonald said he understood it was desirable for Jewish children to leave Germany. In the meantime they could be received by Britain if the refugee organisations guaranteed their maintenance.

Mr. MacDonald declared that a considerable number of young German refugees were at present being admitted to Palestine under the existing arrangements.

He added that all arrangements for the Palestine conference were made, but he was unable to state what date the conference would begin until he knew when the Palestinian delegation was appointed, and when it would arrive.

Asked later if he would reconsider the desirability of inviting the Mufti in view of the fact that the Mufti was regarded by the majority of Muslims in Palestine as their leader, Mr. MacDonald replied "No."—Reuter.

GERMAN PROPAGANDA IN PALESTINE

London, Dec. 14. Mr. R. A. Butler declared in the House of Commons to-day that he was not in a position to disclose information received by the Government, when asked for information concerning alleged German activities in Palestine, relating to the passage of German money through the Damascus printing of anti-Semitic literature in Arabic.

Mr. Butler added that the Government's information did not bear out all the accounts appearing in the press and elsewhere.—Reuter.

WORLD WIDE PROBLEM

London, Dec. 14. Lord Plymouth, replying to the House of Lords debate on refugees, assured the House that the Government was fully conscious of the urgency of the problem, and was desirous of dealing with it as speedily as possible.

It was a world-wide problem, and must be solved by international co-operation. Progress depended largely on what was done by the country of origin. Many refugees, including nurses and servants, had been admitted to Britain without affecting the British labour market.

The Government was prepared to admit as many refugee children as homes could be found for. Already 1,000 children had been admitted in this way.

The Government expected many thousands of children would be finally admitted to Britain.

Referring to British Guiana, Lord Plymouth said much of the land was forest land, but a large area was suitable for refugees.—Reuter.

ARCHBISHOP'S PLEA

London, Dec. 14. The problem of Jewish refugees from Germany was debated in the House of Lords, and the Archbishop of Canterbury, speaking on behalf of voluntary organisations, emphasised the importance and urgency of finding a permanent abode for the refugees, whom we were prepared to receive, and expressed the hope that something might be done to persuade the German Government to allow

refugees to bring away with them some of their property to support them after they had left Germany. Viscount Samuel pointed out that the sum of £100,000 per week was being spent by voluntary organisations, included money being spent on refugees in Germany and Vienna.—British Wireless.

MONTH'S STATISTICS

Local Broadcasting During November

The report by the Hongkong Broadcasting Studio for November, states that actual hours of transmission totalled 440½, of which 228½ were devoted to European programmes, and 212½ to Chinese programmes, as follows:

Z.B.W. morning transmission including commercial news and church relays, 78 hours; evening transmission, 148½ hours.

During the month, apart from recorded programmes, the following items were broadcast:—Studio concerts including Spelling Bee 10, Z.B.W. Orchestra 4, local relays (including church services) 26, Dancery relays (including news) 89, talks 4, Sunday evening epilogues 4, children's concerts 4.

Z.E.C. morning transmission, 4½ hours; mid-day and evening transmission, including commercial news, 210 hours.

During the month apart from recorded programmes, the following items were broadcast:—studio concerts 27, theatre relays 4, studio talks (including Mandarin lessons) 18, children's concerts 9.

New licences issued during November totalled 283, and renewals of licences 223. Licences issued during 1938 now total 8,727.

LATE NEWS

Libel Case Jury Retires

Jury retired in Jockey Club libel case, without hearing evidence, for defence, at 4.18 p.m.

JURY RETURNS FOR FURTHER EVIDENCE

Jury retired for ten minutes and then said they would like to hear further evidence. Case adjourned until 10 a.m. to-morrow.

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Soldier in Hongkong Rejoins His Mother

LONDON, Dec. 14. THE CONSIDERATE ACTION of the War Office in ordering the special release of Corporal John Walker of Hongkong, has brought joy to his mother who is on the danger list at St. Leonard's Hospital.

It was the mother's constant calls for her only son that induced Mr. E. Thurtell, Labour member for Shoreditch, to intervene with the War Office, who telegraphed instructions that Corporal Walker's leave was to be advanced to enable him to hurry home.

The troopship Dorchester had sailed the previous day, but Walker caught the Gneisenau and reached Southampton to-night, a day ahead of the Dorchester.

His mother has been markedly improved since hearing that her son was returning, and she was better still when informed that John had arrived and would visit her in the morning.—Reuter.



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